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THE TIDES OF SORROW

An RCMP officer walks away from a beached humpback whale — draped in flowers from mourners — that died during low tide in White Rock on Tuesday. The young whale was entangled in fishing nets and likely had not eaten in a long time. Story and photos, page 8. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Riot charges to hit record

Chief says the Stanley Cup melee will result in the most charges from a single event in Canadian history
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Students' lawyers take fight to court

Groups treated like trade unions except without same rights, one lawyer says
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Yes, you heard right. Just in time for summer, Burger King launches new dessert to test the taste buds of its U.S. customers
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Southeast Vancouver

Teen critical after suspected targeted shooting

A teenager is in critical condition after being gunned down and left on the street Tuesday morning in southeast Vancouver.

Shortly after 2:30 a.m., police were called to the 2200 block of Bonaccord Drive just off of Fraserview Drive after reports of shots fired and a vehicle heard speeding away, said VPD Const. Lindsey Houghton.

Officers found the 17-year-old with multiple gunshot wounds to his torso. He was rushed to hospital where he is in critical but stable condition.

Houghton said the youth had been shot while outside in the same area. Police say there have been no arrests made and no suspects have been identified.

Houghton said investigators are still looking into the background of the teen to check whether the attack was gang-related, because police believe the shooting does not appear to be random.

The teen has had contact with several Metro Vancouver police agencies in the past, he added.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

RCMP, SPCA on the case

Kamloops cat killings similar to those here

The killing of two cats in Kamloops is disturbingly similar to a series of cat mutilations in the Metro Vancouver region.

Kamloops Crime Stoppers co-ordinator Mark Price says the two mutilated cats were found in the city earlier this month.

There have been 24 similar cases of cats being killed, cut up and discarded in Maple Ridge and Langley over the past year.

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Vancouver police chief Jim Chu points at the photo of the No. 1 suspect among the 10 worst unidentified rioters at a press conference Tuesday. The suspected rioter is wanted for the vicious attack on Good Samaritan Robert MacKay in front of the Hudson's Bay store. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Riot charges set to reach record number: Chief Chu

Stanley Cup riot. 'Don't think you got away with it,' top cop warns those who looted and caused destruction last year

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Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu says that the Stanley Cup riot will likely lead to the most criminal charges in one single event in Canadian history.

The announcement comes as the one-year anniversary of the June 15 riot approaches.

Chu said he expects the number of people criminally charged for their participation in last year's melee to exceed 300 people and 900 charges.

"And for those rioters who think they've gotten away with it, investigators are still conducting active investigations and we expect to recommend charges on a further 100 individuals in the coming months," he said Tuesday.

Chu also announced they are recommending 82 more charges against another 25 suspected rioters, bringing the total to 674 recommended charges against 225 alleged rioters.

Meanwhile, the riot investigation team is being downsized to 27 members from 70 officers from all over B.C.

Police are also appealing to the public for help in identifying those on a top-10 list of the worst rioters. No. 1 is the sole unidentified suspect wanted for the vicious attack on Good Samaritan Robert MacKay in front of the Hudson's Bay store.

"We are happy with the success in the Robert MacKay assault investigation," Chu said. "From the video, we saw that 15 people participated in the swarming and beating. We have identified 14 — three have been charged, 12 have charges recommended and two are under current investigation."

Chu also warned those people who looted, vandalized and caused destruction on the streets of Vancouver who haven't been caught.

"Just because the police haven't contacted you yet, don't think you got away with it," he said.

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On the web

Rivalry leads to Euro clash

Soccer hooligans clashed with opposing fans and police before and during Poland's game against bitter rival Russia on Tuesday, leaving 15 injured while more than 140 people were detained. Watch the melee at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

France's political circles were up in arms over a tweet by President Francois Hollande's girlfriend. Scan the code to read about how Valérie Trierweiler dominated the news and the blogosphere most of Tuesday.

Meet Vancouver's Mad Women

Fearless Females. Event hosts women who have made it to the top ranks of the city's advertising agencies

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The days of tolerance for flagrant displays of sexism of the kind featured on TV's Mad Men are long over, but women still only account for 22 per cent of executive advertising positions, according to a U.K. study.

When Jessica Mori got her first internship as a copywriter in Vancouver in 2008, she didn't think much of the fact she was working on an all-male creative team. But over time the gender gap became glaring, and she found herself searching for answers.

"I think, generally speaking, men sometimes have a tougher shell than we do, but, beyond that, when I first was working as a junior in copywriting, I just was sort of starved for mentors, or just to see senior copywriters that were female," she said.

"I would scroll through the awards annuals and it would always be some Bob or Harry credited, and it just got me thinking, why aren't there more women?"

Mori took the bull by the horns and teamed up with SheSays, a global network for women in advertising and creative roles, to establish SheSays Vancouver, as well as AdGirls, an organization that connects junior women copywriters with mentors.

She is one of three guests lined up to speak at an event in Gastown Wednesday night called "Mad Women — Fearless Females in Advertising."

"I think we're poking fun at the fact that that show is very all-male and the women have such supporting roles, and we're kind of flipping it around to say, 'Well let's showcase the women who are front and centre, who are top in their career, and let's hear from them and why,'" Mori explained.

The event

- **What.** Mad Women — Fearless Females in Advertising.
- **When.** June 13, 6-8 p.m.
- **Where.** Guilt & Co. in Gastown (1 Alexander St., under Chill Winston).
- **Admission.** $15 donation to National Advertising Benevolent Society and Adgirls.

Chrissy Chrzan, left, Karen Pearce, centre, and Katie Ainsworth are three Mad Women who have made it to the top ranks of Vancouver's advertising agencies. HANDOUT

The event's host, Chrissy Chrzan, is a digital strategist at local advertising giant TAXI West. She and Mori will be joined by Katie Ainsworth, writer and creative director at Rethink, and Karen Pearce, general manager of TAXI West.

The Think/Share event is open to both men and women, and will present current challenges in the industry and how the guest speakers see their roles moving forward.

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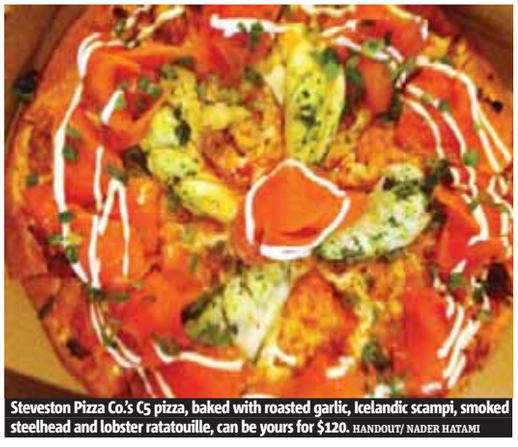

Steveston Pizza Co.'s C5 pizza, baked with roasted garlic, Icelandic scampi, smoked steelhead and lobster ratatouille, can be yours for $120. HANDOUT/ NADER HATAMI

How about some $450 bling-za?

Got $450 to burn and a mad craving for some 'za?

A Richmond pizzeria has started selling a take-away dish that could bankrupt some people: a lovely pizza pie topped with lobster thermidor, black Alaskan cod, and a side of Russian Osetra caviar.

"We have the ordinary pizzas with the usual things like ham and pineapple and meat lovers', but we wanted to do something that was so outside the box, very different kinds with different kinds of ingredients," said Nader Hatami, owner and founder of Steveston Pizza Co.

He put the high-priced pizza, listed on the menu as a C6, about four months ago, and recently sold his first one to a very wealthy customer.

For those with a more modest but still permissive budget, there's the C5, a pizza baked with roasted garlic, Icelandic scampi, smoked steelhead and lobster ratatouille. It goes for $120.

"We've sold seven so far, and actually two of them were to just one customer," Hatami said of the C5. "I think somebody took it for some high-end potluck or something."

Both the C5 and C6 need to be ordered a day in advance.

"The sales for the expensive ones are not that many, and the idea was never to sell 10 a day or something," Hatami conceded.

While they may be too rich for many Lower Mainlanders' blood, Richmond's high-priced pies go for a song compared to some in Europe.

According to TripAtlas.com, the most expensive pizza in the world is made in Salerno, Italy. The $12,000 pie is topped with mozzarella, three types of caviar, lobster from Cilento and Norway, and dusted with hand-picked pink Australian salt.

KATE WEBB/METRO

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Redevelopment

Upgrades planned for Royal Columbian hospital

The B.C. government has announced a major redevelopment of Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, but it could be years before any shovels hit the ground.

That's because the planning process has just begun and work on a business plan that will shape the overall scope of the project won't even start until next year.

Health Minister Mike de Jong made the announcement in New Westminster Tuesday, marking the 150th anniversary of the hospital and saying the redevelopment project could cost three quarters of a billion dollars.

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Seymour River

Swimmer swept away in powerful currents

An air and ground search is underway for a Salmon Arm man swept away in the Seymour River, near Chase.

RCMP in the Shuswap community, about 60 kilometres east of Kamloops, say the incident happened early Monday afternoon when Andrew Wilson jumped into the river to cool off during a hike.

Wilson's companion saw him being swept away and rushed to the nearest logging road, where the friend flagged down a grader operator to call for help.

Preliminary searchers were conducted Monday.

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Foul play ruled out

Body of missing man found in motel crawl space

Workers repairing floors at a motel in Kamloops made a grisly discovery Monday — the remains of a 49-year-old man in a crawl space.

The body is that of Balwinder Singh Dhillon, who was reported missing from the Tournament Inn Motel in March. The Inn is run by his family. When he disappeared, it was suspected he may have left to spend time with relatives and friends in the Surrey area because he had a previous history of leaving abruptly. The cause of death couldn't be established, and the case is now in the hands of the B.C. Coroner's Service.

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Mountie mishaps? Calls to RCMP resulted in injuries, says B.C. Civil Liberties Association

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association claims RCMP mishandling of 911 calls in northwest B.C. has resulted in three serious injuries, but the Mounties say the association is grandstanding with the complaints when it knows investigations are under way.

BCCLA president Robert Holmes says three separate incidents over a recent five-week period saw two men and a 15-year-old girl sent to hospital after police responded to calls for help.

Holmes says the girl suffered a broken arm, while the two men suffered head injuries during altercations with RCMP officers.

But RCMP Supt. Ray Bernoties says the association is seeking attention when it already knows the incidents are subjects of independent external investigations.

He says the Mounties will not comment on the cases while they are being investigated, but are prepared to comment if any of the incidents results in charges against officers.

Holmes says some aboriginals living in northwest B.C. now say they are becoming afraid to call the police for help.

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Four-month spree

Prolific robber gets 8 years

One of the Lower Mainland's most prolific thieves has been sentenced to eight years in jail. Abbotsford resident Darwin Dorozan, 38, was sentenced in Surrey provincial court Tuesday for a four-month crime spree in 2011.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Residents evacuated

Tiny B.C. town hit by flooding

Flooding has devastated the tiny First Nations community of Lower Post, in northwest B.C. near the Yukon border. Most residents in the town of just over 300 were evacuated after heavy rain and melting snow pushed the Laird River over its banks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BC Children's Hospital patients treated to play

Teatr Popularny. Local theatre company hopes to turn showing into a daylong arts festival for kids

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The arts inspire all, but it's especially true for children.

Now patients at BC Children's Hospital will get a healthy dose of the theatre when a local Polish community production company, Teatr Popularny, treats kids to its English-language rendition of King Matt — based on a Polish book about a young boy dealing with being king.

Company organizer Andre Gajos and his team are putting on the play, which was also featured in the Chutzpah festival, on June 17 and are working with the hospital to turn the showing into a daylong arts festival.

A local Polish theatre group will put on a production of King Matt for kids at the B.C. Children's Hospital June 17. CONTRIBUTED

"We are bringing theatre and arts to these kids. It feels good to be part of this and have them celebrate life with us," said Gajos.

"It's an unbelievable experience for us to help. The arts stimulate your brain and heart, so I hope we can entertain a lot of children."

BC Children's Hospital patient-and-parent advocate Dan Mornar said having events come to the hospital helps children who are in recovery and battling illness.

"The best revenge is to make plans and have fun," he said. "By having a play at the hospital, kids are ready to get out there and celebrate, and we make sure they have a good time. King Matt is a well-done and compelling story I think a lot of kids will relate to."

Gajos added: "The play promotes the little person. I think it will have a good impact on the kids: We will see them smile and they'll be able to leave with positive energy. It's a great cause."

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+ taxes & fees $131
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INCLUDES accom near theme parks. Price per person based on family of 4. **ADD** *Disneyland* Resort 3-day *1-Park Per Day* Ticket from $193/adult, $178/child (ages 3-9). **BOOK** this package based on double occupancy from $309.

San Francisco Air + 3 Nights — from $469 + taxes & fees $159
INCLUDES Fisherman's Wharf accom. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom near Union Square from $10 per night.

Chicago Air + 3 Nights — from $557 + taxes & fees $127
INCLUDES downtown accom. **ADD** sunset Segway tour from $67.

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Vacations

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+ taxes & fees $631
INCLUDES seaside accom in Mumbai. **BONUS** daily breakfast included. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $19 per night. **ADD** walking tour from $52.

Rio de Janeiro
Air + 7 Nights 4-Star — from $1659 + taxes & fees $439
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When a young humpback whale washed up on the beach at White Rock on Tuesday, veterinarians and concerned citizens rushed to its aid. Sadly, the whale died shortly afterward. Now scientists are hoping to discover where the whale has been so they can help ensure the future of the threatened species

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1 A life ends on the beach

A man on a paddleboard passes the whale during low tide in White Rock on Tuesday.

2 A farewell with flowers

A Fisheries and Oceans official looks on at flower tributes left by well-wishers.

Requiem for a humpback

A young humpback whale found entangled in a fishing net has died after grounding itself on White Rock beach.

Paul Cottrell, marine mammal co-ordinator for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, said the severely emaciated young whale was first spotted as water receded from the sandy tidal flats early on Tuesday morning.

Cottrell said the eight- to 10-metre-long juvenile died just hours after beaching itself.

"It had been struggling for a long time and likely hadn't been eating for a long time," he said.

"There may be other underlying issues regarding the animal's health, as well as the fishing gear," he added. "It had been towing it — (the net) was through its mouth."

Cottrell said scientists will try to identify the whale from the patterns on its tail fluke.

"That's kind of a fingerprint we have to see where the animal is from. We'll be taking DNA samples as well as other samples ... and hopefully we will be able to determine the individual animal because there is a photo-ID catalogue with tail-fluke patterns."

If the animal can be identified, Cottrell said, scientists might be able to tell where it has been in the past.

Cottrell said the net was collected after being cut off the whale and it can also be tracked to identify the owner, although he noted this appears to be a case of accidental entanglement.

Information about how the whale became entangled will also be used to determine threats to the recovery of humpback whales off the B.C. coast.

The whales are listed as threatened under Canada's Species at Risk Act, but have become a more common sight in the past few years in B.C. waters.

Cottrell said this wasn't the first time this year that a humpback has been caught in fishing gear on the coast.

He said rescuers managed to cut away the ropes of a prawn trap from an exhausted whale in Knight Inlet, southwest of Port Hardy, about three weeks ago.

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3 Caught in a fisherman's net

A Fisheries and Oceans official checks a fishing net that was tangled around the beached humpback. The whale had been towing the net with its mouth and likely hadn't eaten in some time, an official said.

4 A community pays tribute

The curious gather around the whale to take photographs or simply to stand in awe at the majesty of the animal.

5 The retrieval effort begins

With the tide coming in on Tuesday, an RCMP officer said the coast guard would probably be deployed to come in with a hovercraft and a harness to move the whale. It was not known on Tuesday where the whale would be taken.

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Artists get a boost from city

Until July 6. Park board now accepting applications from artists for the use of its six field houses throughout the city.

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Vancouver artists are receiving some much-needed assistance from city hall, with council approving a plan to convert more than 26,000 square feet of industrial warehouse space into affordable artist studios on Tuesday.

The space is in addition to a 10,800-square-foot property already in development at 1265 Howe St., as well as a park-board plan to offer rent-free field houses to artists in exchange for administering community art programs.

The initiatives come after city staff identified the need for affordable, small-scale and legal artist spaces after consulting with the arts-and-culture community earlier this year, resulting in the creation of the Arts and Culture Policy Council, a 15-member committee from the arts community that will advise the city as it implements its cultural plan.

"The big issue here is cost. The cost of living and operating in any kind of space in Vancouver is very high compared to the rest of the country. It's excellent that the city is taking a strong role in helping to identify and develop affordable options for artists," said Rob Gloor, executive director of the Alliance for Arts and Culture, but noted there is still a lack of mid-size rehearsal spaces available to performing artists.

The vacant warehouses are located on Industrial Street in False Creek as well as near Renfrew and East Broadway on Kaslo Street.

"I can't say enough good for what the City of Vancouver is doing for artists," said Jeffrey Boone, executive director of the East Side Culture Crawl, an annual event that showcases more than 400 local artists.

The park board is accepting applications from artists until July 6 for the use of its six field houses throughout the city. Artists are expected to provide some form of community engagement in exchange for the space, said newly appointed park board chair Sarah Blyth.

"We're going to leave it as open to as many different kinds of artists as possible — collectives, individual artists, music, dance," Blyth said.

City with a vision

"There's a lot of very intelligent planning going on that has a very long-term vision."

Jeffrey Boone, executive director, East Side Culture Crawl, praising the city

People check out artist Ken Clarke's work during the 2010 Eastside Culture Crawl. MICHAEL SCALES/EASTSIDE CULTURE CRAWL

Hang-gliding crash puts Hope man in a coma

A Hope man was flying this Altair Predator when he crashed Monday afternoon near Lumby and suffered critical injuries. Authorities are trying to locate his family. HANDOUT/RCMP

A 38-year-old Hope man who crashed in a hang glider northeast of Kelowna Monday afternoon is in a coma, fighting for his life.

Bruce Busby, vice-president of the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association of Canada, said he met the man, who had recently moved to B.C. from Ontario, over the weekend. Early indications are he was relatively experienced but may have been under-skilled for the high-performance glider he was flying.

"We think it's pilot error, where he was flying too slowly, stalled one of the wings before the other and spun in," Busby said.

He explained high-performance gliders require a minimum air speed to be reached prior to landing, otherwise they can stall.

"This is all information that everybody knows, including him. Occasionally just people make mistakes," Busby said.

Vernon/North Okanagan RCMP spokesman Gordon Molendyk said the pilot went into a cartwheel motion when he hit the ground.

"He hit the ground with his body," Molendyk said. "There's not a lot of protection with a hang glider."

The man suffered serious head and internal injuries, and was airlifted to hospital. He's in intensive care, and his prognosis for survival is being assessed hour to hour.

Witnesses told police there was no indication anything was wrong before the accident happened just before 2 p.m. near Lumby, a popular area for hang gliding about 80 kilometres northeast of Kelowna.

So far authorities and members of the hang-gliding community have been unable to contact the man's family.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Recent tragedy

- This is the second serious gliding accident in recent weeks.
- A 27-year-old woman fell to her death on April 28 in the Fraser Valley, and the pilot she was flying tandem with is facing criminal charges.

Council to vote on lanes

City to unveil bike-sharing plan

Cycling infrastructure will be the hot topic at city hall Wednesday morning. City staff is expected to present its proposal for a public bike-sharing system.

The proposal has been five years in the planning.

Bike-sharing systems are designed to provide affordable access to bikes in urban areas, allowing users to pick up bikes for short trips at pay-stations.

Councillors will also vote on whether to make the separated bike lanes on Hornby Street, Dunsmuir Street, Dunsmuir Viaduct and connecting streets a permanent part of the city's transportation infrastructure. KATE WEBB/METRO

Sunset beach

NBA fan festival makes local stop

Vancouver will be getting some NBA court action this summer. NBA3X, a free, interactive fan experience celebrating basketball and culture, will make its stop at Sunset Beach July 28-29.

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West Vancouver police

Crime-mapping app now available

West Vancouver Police Department and BAIR Analytics released a free crime-mapping app, which allows users to see recent crime activity in a grid or a map based on an address or location.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Picnic-area death

Senior banned from driving

A $1,500 fine and three-year driving ban have been imposed on an 83-year-old Saanich woman who was at the wheel of a car that killed a man at Victoria International Airport last summer.

Shirley Zerbin pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention in the death of 57-year-old Ramesh Sharma.

He was sitting at a picnic table with a group of other taxi drivers last July when he was run down.

Zerbin's car drove out of a parking area, over curbs and onto a raised berm, where it crashed through the picnic area.

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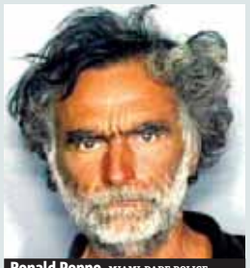
Survival

Face-chewing victim doing OK

A homeless man whose face was mostly chewed off in an attack is alert at a Miami hospital. The top two-thirds of Ronald Poppo's face is covered in scabs, he's missing his nose, and both eye sockets are covered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Marine deaths

Mystery dolphins wash ashore

More than 120 dolphins have been stranded off the Texas coast, prompting a federal agency to investigate whether the deaths relate to others in the Gulf of Mexico. All but four that washed up were dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Messing around

Yacht explosion a costly hoax

Two hoax calls reporting an explosion on a yacht off New Jersey triggered a rescue effort that cost at least $88,000 US and lasted more than four hours. An investigation has begun to determine who was responsible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trayvon trial

Zimmerman's wife accused of perjury

Authorities say the wife of Trayvon Martin's shooter is being accused of lying to a judge about their finances during a bond hearing and faces one count of perjury. Both George and Shellie Zimmerman are in custody. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trayvon Martin MARTIN FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dingo really did take baby, says coroner

Mystery. It took four inquests, 32 years to clear mother accused of killing her own baby

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton in **1982.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Australians have overwhelmingly welcomed the final chapter of a mystery that has captivated the country for 32 years: Did a dingo really take a baby that vanished from an Outback campsite in 1980?

A country that was once bitterly divided on whether baby Azaria Chamberlain had been dragged away by a wild dog or murdered by her mother now largely agrees that the parents deserve the vindication a coroner's court provided Tuesday.

A day after Azaria Chamberlain would have turned 32, a coroner found that a dingo had taken her as a nine-week-old baby from a tent near Ayers Rock, the red monolith now known as Uluru.

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton and her ex-husband, Michael Chamberlain, teared up as the findings of the fourth inquest into their daughter's disappearance were broadcast from a courtroom in Darwin to televisions around Australia.

The first inquest in 1981 had blamed a dingo but a second inquest charged Chamberlain-Creighton with murder. A third inquest in 1995 left the cause of death open. The case became famous through the movie A Cry in the Dark. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miner grievances ablaze in Spain

An undercover miner is seen next to burning tires on a motorway in Campomanes, Spain, on Tuesday. Strikes, road blockades and mine sit-ins continued as 8,000 workers at over 40 coal mines in northern Spain protested against government action to cut coal subsidies.

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Falklands. Referendum will decide governance

The Falkland Islands said Tuesday it plans a referendum next year on the political future of the tiny archipelago, seeking to end Argentina's claims of sovereignty and to secure its status as a British territory. The announcement came ahead of Thursday's 30th anniversary of the end of a 1982 war between Britain and Argentina over the islands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Africa. First female police chief appointed

South Africa has its first woman national police chief, after the previous chief was caught up in a financial mismanagement scandal and the one before that was jailed for corruption.

The appointment of Mangwashi Victoria Phiyega comes amid questions about whether capable officials are leading the fight against high levels of violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Quebec. Student groups' lawyers fighting to have protest law suspended

Lawyers were heading to court Tuesday to challenge a controversial Quebec law brought in to deal with student protests.

The government introduced the law as a way to cool down the heated protests.

But it may have backfired politically, as protests have grown larger, attracted more diverse crowds, and spread to different cities.

Nearly 20 lawyers representing student federations and other groups are trying to get parts of the law temporarily suspended until they can argue the merits.

Bill 78 came into force in mid-May, but police across the province have rarely applied it.

The legal motion being heard in court is one of two challenging the emergency law. The second seeks to have Bill 78 declared invalid altogether, and will be heard at a later date.

The law lays out rules for demonstrations, such as ordering assemblies of more than 50 people to give eight hours' notice of the protest route and the estimated duration of the event.

It also sets hefty fines for people who contravene the law.

A lawyer arguing on behalf of students says the government treats student associations like labour unions without giving them the same rights.

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Salute condemned

So-called Nazi salutes at some Quebec student protests are being condemned by Jewish organizations.

- **Chanting protesters have called police fascists and "the SS," and compared them to Nazi police because of their alleged brutality.**
- **B'nai Brith Canada says the Nazi salutes defile the memory of those who died in the Holocaust, those who survived it and those who fought against the Nazis in the Second World War.**

Look out ... there's a moose on the loose

Strolling moose have been causing a stir in some Prairie cities. Here, animal-control officer Kelly Pettinger runs beside a panicked cow moose after it had been tranquillized at a school in Brandon, Man., this month. It's not always so stressful. In the opening credits of Northern Exposure, a moose wanders through the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska, without much fuss. But that's television. TIM SMITH/BRANDON SUN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eaton Centre

Shooting claims second victim

A second victim of the shooting at Toronto's Eaton Centre has died. Police identified him as Nixon Nirmalendran, 22.
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Strange headlines

Calgary group fears zombies

A Calgary group is preparing for a zombie apocalypse: an event where flesh-eating corpses come alive. Training includes archery. Fears were sparked by strange events, such as a man chewing off most of another's face.
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Marathon session

MPs' new policy: No Z's, please

Members of Parliament are preparing for 24 hours of voting on more than 800 proposed amendments to the Tories' Bill C-38. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Afghanistan. Conflict over NATO airstrikes remains unresolved

Afghan President Hamid Karzai declared on Tuesday that NATO aircraft can no longer fire on homes under any circumstances.

His statement is an indication that the conflict over NATO airstrikes that kill civilians — including one that left 18 dead last week — remains unresolved.

Following an outcry over the attack in Logar province, which killed children, teenagers and adults, NATO imposed new limits on airstrikes.

The dispute highlights the sensitive relationship between the international force and Karzai.

The Afghan president has denounced airstrikes that have caused civilian deaths on countless occasions and repeatedly says the war on terrorism should not be fought — and cannot be won — in Afghan villages.

"An agreement has been reached clearly with NATO that no bombardment of civilian homes for any reason is allowed," Karzai said defiantly at the presidential palace.

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Syria. UN observers en route to rebel-held town impeded by throng

Angry crowds blocked UN observers from reaching an embattled rebel-held town in Syria on Tuesday, hurling stones and metal rods at the monitors' vehicles.

Their vehicles came under fire as they drove away from Haffa, but the source of the gunfire was not clear, the UN said.

The situation in Haffa has raised alarm over the past eight days, and there are concerns civilians are stuck in the area while the regime and rebel fighters battle for control.

Washington said Monday that regime forces may be preparing a massacre in rebel-held Haffa — a village near Assad's hometown.

It's not clear why the crowd wanted to stop the observers. It's thought they were regime loyalists.

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Free Syrian Army fighters sit in a house in Aleppo, Syria, on Tuesday. Some say the country is on the verge of a civil war.

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A Rohingya Muslim family who fled Myanmar to Bangladesh to escape religious-based violence waits in Bangladesh. ANURUP TITU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muslims fleeing Myanmar blocked

Buddhist-Muslim violence. Foreign minister says Bangladeshi resources already strained; 1,500 refugees stopped

Bangladesh on Tuesday turned away three boats carrying 1,000 Rohingya Muslims fleeing violence in neighbouring Myanmar.

'Chased away'

"We are keeping our eyes open so that nobody can enter Bangladesh illegally."

Police official Jahangir Alam

This brings to 1,500 the number of refugees blocked in recent days, officials said.

"They have been chased away," police official Jahangir Alam said by phone from Saint Martins Island in the Bay of Bengal after the three boats attempted to approach the shore of the island.

"We are keeping our eyes open so that nobody can enter Bangladesh illegally."

Violence between Buddhists and minority Muslims in western Myanmar has left at least 12 people dead and hundreds of homes burned since Friday.

Bangladesh earlier said it sent back 11 boats with about 500 Rohingya Muslims aboard in the past three days.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said at a news conference in the capital, Dhaka, that it was not in Bangladesh's interest to accept any refugees.

Some still slipped into Bangladesh, and one refugee allegedly wounded by gunfire from Myanmar security forces died Tuesday at a hospital in Chittagong, a doctor said.

Kala Hussain, 50, died from a stomach wound and two other Rohingyas are being treated for bullet wounds, said Anisur Rahman, a doctor at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Myanmar considers the Rohingya to be illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and denies them citizenship.

Bangladesh says Rohingya have been living in Myanmar for centuries and should be recognized there as citizens.

In the 1990s, about 250,000 Rohingya Muslims fled to Bangladesh in the face of alleged persecution by the military junta.

Later, Myanmar took back most of them, leaving 28,000 in two camps run by the government and the United Nations.

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Battle in Egypt's parliament

Egypt's march to democracy hit another obstacle Tuesday when liberals boycotted a parliamentary session called to name members of a panel to draw up a new constitution.

They complained that Islamists are trying to dominate the process.

A new constitution is key to Egypt's turbulent transition to democratic rule after decades of authoritarian regimes.

Many Egyptians hope the new charter will curtail the powers enjoyed by their presidents and enshrine freedom of expression and peaceful protests.

However, some fear that Islamists may want the document to inject more religion in government and restrict liberties.

The joint session of parliament's two chambers, which are dominated by Islamists, was called by military ruler Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi after negotiations between political factions to agree on the makeup of the panel reached a deadlock.

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Bombardier shares surge on massive business-jet order

Major deal. NetJets Inc., a Warren Buffett company, signed the deal to buy as many as 275 Bombardier Challengers — worth up to $7.3 billion US

Bombardier Inc. shares soared in trading Tuesday following a major deal with one of renowned billionaire investor Warren Buffett's companies, which is poised to buy up to $9.6 billion worth of business jets and services.

Private jet company NetJets Inc. signed a deal Monday to buy up to 275 Bombardier Challenger business jets that could be worth up to $7.3 billion US. There are 100 firm orders and options on 175 more.

Bombardier said it has also signed a 15-year service and maintenance agreement for the aircraft valued at as much as an additional $2.3 billion if all options are exercised.

Bombardier shares gained more than six per cent, or 22 cents, to close at $3.87 Cdn on heavy volume of more than 21.2-million shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"This purchase demonstrates our long-term planning and represents our ongoing commitment to providing unparalleled safety and service in aircraft uniquely customized for our owners," NetJets chairman and CEO Jordan Hansell said in a statement.

"We are confident that NetJets' market leadership and strong foundation position us to make long-term investments in our business to differentiate our fleet in ways that no one else in the industry can."

NetJets is a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Buffett's main company.

The deal includes 75 firm orders and 125 options for the Challenger 300 Series aircraft as well as 25 firm orders and 50 options for the larger Challenger 605 Series aircraft. The firm orders are worth $2.6 billion based on 2012 list prices.

The order follows a deal earlier this year that saw NetJets order up to 120 of Bombardier's Global business jets in a deal worth as much as $6.7 billion US.

Deliveries are already expected to increase this year and in 2013. The first Challenger 300 will be delivered in 2014 while the first larger Challenger 605 will be delivered in 2015.

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Higher expectations

"The magnitude of the order is likely much larger than market expectations."

Cameron Doerksen of National Bank Financial

Airlines battle with ticketing firms over new booking systems

A passenger uses a self-check-in kiosk in Atlanta. Extra legroom, special meals, access to the VIP lounge – and tickets to a musical? Airlines want to raise new revenues by selling such extras alongside tickets and are locked in battle with three companies that dominate the bookings industry over the introduction of a new global reservation system. Carriers complain the current system is a costly 1970s throwback without Internet-era convenience. They want to cut out the global ticket-booking systems – Sabre Holdings, Travelport Ltd. and Amadeus IT Group – that some reject as obsolete middlemen who add costs. Bookings companies retort that they have invested to upgrade services and are working hard to meet carriers' needs.

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Honda

2012 Civics being recalled in Canada

Honda Canada is voluntarily recalling approximately 12,587 of its popular 2012 Civics in Canada.

The carmaker wants to inspect and, if necessary, replace the left driveshaft, which may not have been properly pressed into the CV joint during assembly. If the driveshaft separates from the joint, the engine will no longer propel the vehicle.

No accidents have been reported related to the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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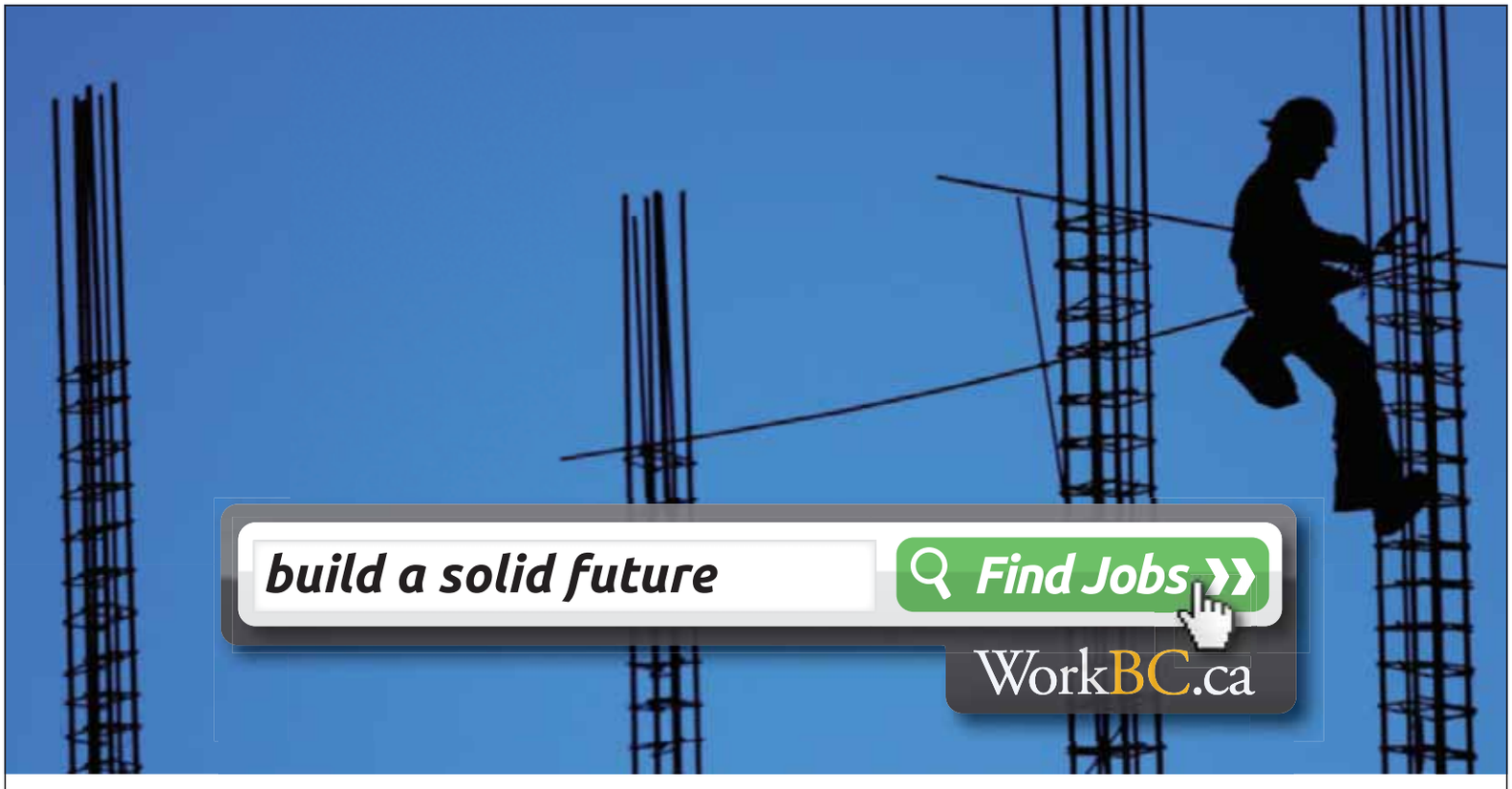

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Bids for new Internet suffixes include .lol, .doctor

Alex Stamos, CTO of Artemis Internet, an NCC Group Company, poses by a domain name poster at their offices in San Francisco. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beyond.com. Some 2,000 proposals have been submitted as part of the largest expansion of the Internet address system since 1980

If Google has its way, people won't need "Google.com" to do searches. They can simply go to ".Google."

New York City wants Internet addresses ending in ".nyc," while several companies and groups are looking to create ".doctor," ".music" and ".bank." Google Inc. is also seeking ".YouTube" and ".lol" – the digital shorthand for "laugh out loud." Others are looking to attract non-English speakers with suffixes in a variety of languages.

These suffixes would rival ".com" and about 300 others now in use. Companies would be able to create separate websites and separate addresses for each of their products and brands, for instance, even as they keep their existing ".com" name.

The organization behind the expansion, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, will announce a full list and other details in London on Wednesday.

One day, you might go to "comedy.YouTube" rather than "YouTube.com/comedy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

.what?

The suffixes are restricted to the richest companies and groups, who paid $185,000 US per proposal. If approved, each suffix would cost at least $25,000 a year to maintain, with a 10-year commitment required. By comparison, a personal address with a common suffix such as ".com" usually costs less than $10 a year.

Burger King. They've done it – a bacon sundae

Burger King wants to lure customers in the U.S. this summer with a barbecue party — and a bacon sundae.

The world's second-biggest hamburger chain is launching several pork, beef and chicken sandwiches on Thursday as limited-time offers.

And for a sweet ending, the company is also offering a bacon sundae — soft vanilla ice cream served with fudge, caramel, bacon crumbles and a piece of bacon — that started in Nashville earlier this year. The salty-sweet dessert clocks in at 510 calories, 18 grams of fat and 61 grams of sugar.

The limited-time items are Burger King's latest push to win back customers with a revived menu and to reverse sliding market share, an effort that started soon after the company was taken private by the private-equity firm 3G Capital in late 2010.

Burger King's bacon sundae. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BURGER KING

Earlier this year, Burger King launched its biggest-ever menu expansion including fruit smoothies, snack wraps and new salads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Media

Times-Picayune cutting 200 staff

The Times-Picayune in New Orleans is laying off 200 employees as one of the nation's oldest daily newspapers prepares to print just three days a week.

The layoffs amount to about half of the newsroom's 169 employees. Advertising, circulation and other departments also were affected at the 175-year-old newspaper.

About 400 employees at three major Alabama daily newspapers are also losing their jobs as parent company Advance Publications shifts its focus to more online news. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BEAUTY IS WHAT'S BEHIND YOUR NEXT RAISE

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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When Maria Sharapova won the French Open on Saturday, it was another victory for the Beautiful People.

Sharapova, all six-foot-two of her, is gorgeous. But, then, so are a lot of tennis players these days. Somewhere along the line, right at Anna Kournikova, perhaps, it became important for female tennis players to be beautiful as well as talented.

Partial list: Daniela Hantuchova, Sabine Lisicki, Vera Zvonareva, Lucie Safarova, Maria Kirilenko, Simona Halep, Tatiana Golovin, as well as the aforementioned Kournikova and Sharapova. Apparently, it doesn't hurt if you're Eastern European either.

One honest BBC producer has admitted that "babes and Brits" get the centre-court treatment at Wimbledon while less attractive players have to grunt it out on the outer courts.

But that's the way of the world. If you're gorgeous, you're golden.

Daniel Hamermesh, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin and author of Beauty Pays, estimates that, in a lifetime, a bad-looking person can earn $230,000 less than a good-looking person, all other things being equal.

The truth about looking good is out there.

In the job market: Attractive people get more job recommendations, are considered more qualified, less likely to be fired, more likely to be hired, more likely to succeed, to be paid more, and to be promoted more frequently.

In the courts: Juries think physically attractive people are less likely to be guilty. Attractive people get lower bail, lighter sentences and smaller fines. Except maybe not Luka Magnotta. But imagine how much trouble he'd be in if he was really ugly?

In school: Attractive people get better grades.

On Facebook: Attractive people are more "friended" than ugly people.

Sex: Attractive people get more dates, have more sex and even have more orgasms.

OK, too much information, perhaps. Good thing I'm attractive.

Did I mention that, generally, men tend to overestimate their good looks? Women go the opposite way. More than eight out of 10 hate the way they look in a mirror. One study showed women see themselves as fatter after eating a single chocolate bar. It would have to be a 35,000-calorie chocolate bar for that to be true.

Hamermesh — whose wife thinks he looks average — finds that 70 per cent of people agree on what's attractive most of the time. It has to do with symmetry. The more symmetrical you look, the more attractive you are. Jug ears are out.

So that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" stuff is fine … just as long as you're beautiful.

Have a nice day and, if possible, stay away from mirrors. They're bad luck, in more ways than one.

Maria Sharapova holds up the ~~award for most beautiful person~~ Coupe Suzanne Lenglen after the women's singles final of the French Open on Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

Smuggling attempt foiled

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Bengal tiger trafficking

Three cubs rescued in house raid

A caretaker bottle-feeds a rescued Bengal tiger cub in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. Bangladeshi officials Monday rescued three Bengal tiger cubs from an alleged wildlife smuggler's house in the capital.

The cubs, about two months old, had been captured in the southwestern Sundarbans mangrove forests in Bangladesh.

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Rescued Bengal tiger cubs are pictured after a house raid in Bangladesh's capital. The AFP reported the house was allegedly a hub for illegal wildlife trade, indicated by several empty cages. GETTY IMAGES

Endangered

- The suspected smuggler in possession of the cubs at the time of the raid was arrested, the BBC reported.
- The cubs have been handed over to a private zoo until their fate is decided by a government committee.
- There are 440 Bengal tigers in Bangladesh and less than 2,500 worldwide, according to wildlife-conservation organization IUCN.

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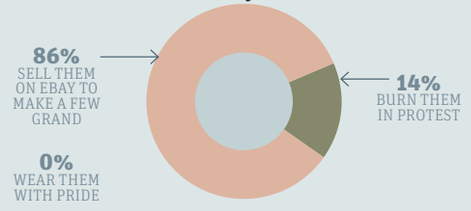

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@ksidhu21: Just heard that a whale washed up shore on White Rock beach. Poor thing.

@RDahia: RIP BABY WHALE that was found on white rock beach :(its a sad day

@Jessicat_94: RT "@krisracco : There's a beached whale on white rock beach, just outside my house :(poor guy got caught in fishing lines :(" really!?!! :(

@bigggwolf: Beached whale at white rock beach! Right by the big rock! Crazzzzy

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Quick changes

Grammy producer discusses Houston doc

Producers of the 54th Grammy Awards have created a documentary showing how they adapted to the news of Whitney Houston's death less than 24 hours before the live telecast.
A Death in the Family: The Show Must Go On premiered Monday at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' headquarters in Los Angeles.
Ken Ehrlich, who has produced the Grammy Awards for the past 32 years, introduced the film and participated in a panel discussion afterward with Recording Academy president Neil Portnow, Grammy host LL Cool J, musician Dave Grohl and others.
LL Cool J said addressing the Grammy audience after Houston's death was "the most challenging moment I've faced in my career."
The 25-minute film can be seen on Grammy.com and at the Grammy Museum.

On the web

ABC urges judge not to block The Glass House, cites differences from 'Big Brother,' except confinement

Alec Baldwin, left, and Tom Cruise star in Rock of Ages, a rock 'n' roll musical that, like many other Hollywood films based on popular music, has some historically accurate features. HANDOUT

Cruise stars as art imitates life (again) in Rock of Ages

Fantasy reflects reality. Like other films in the genre, this Shankman effort draws heavily on how rock stars live their lives

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In Rock of Ages Tom Cruise plays superstar Stacee Jaxx. He's Ozzy Osbourne with Axl Rose's attitude and Prince's trademarked revealing chaps, a spicy stew of rebellion, decadence and Jack Daniels.

The first time we see Jaxx in the film he's on a round bed, buried under several scantily clad women. It's a memorable first look at the character, but it's not exactly an original one.

Director Adam Shankman admits that the idea came from a similar scene — featuring KISS singer Paul Stanley — in the heavy metal documentary The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years.

It's not the first time a music movie has taken its cue from real rock life.

For a year before shooting playing Jim Morrison in The Doors Val Kilmer immersed himself in the singer's life, wearing his clothes and spending time at the Lizard King's favorite Sunset Strip bars.

Despite the film's many factual errors — drummer John Densmore claims "A third of it is fiction" — the recording studio scene where Jim smashes a TV is true, and even Jim's disgruntled ex-band mates said they couldn't distinguish Kilmer's voice from the real Morrison's.

The Doors weren't the only musicians fooled by an actor.

Joan Jett was annoyed that Kristen Stewart wore leather pants when playing her in The Runaways — it would have been more authentic if she had worn jeans she said — but she was impressed with Stewart's voice. When she first heard a recording of the actress belting out one of her songs she thought it was actually a tape of her old band.

Sex Pistols' singer Johnny Rotten dismissed Sid and Nancy — the story of Sid Vicious's life and death — as "mere fantasy" but Gary Oldham bought at least one authentic bit of Sid to the film by wearing the bass player's real chain necklace in several scenes. Sid's mom gave the actor the necklace to wear during filming.

Just as Shankman and Cruise borrowed from The Decline of Western Civilization, the Bob Dylan doc Don't Look Back has inspired scenes in movies such as Bob Roberts and I'm Not There.

The mockumentary Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story parodies the movie in a press conference scene when a reporter compares Dewey to Dylan. "Why doesn't anyone ask Bob Dylan why he sounds so much like Dewey Cox?" Dewey replies, echoing Dylan's response to a reporter who likened Dylan to singer-songwriter Donovan.

Big-time show

Some facts about the Rock of Ages movie:

- **Decisions.** Will Ferrell and Steve Carrell were considered for Alec Baldwin's role; and Taylor Swift was considered for Julianne Hough's.
- **Location.** The film was shot in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- **Big budget.** It cost more than $70 million to make.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Don't call him 'R-Patz'

Robert Pattinson

Robert Pattinson may be a good sport about a lot of things, but he is not a fan of his R-Patz nickname, to put it mildly.

"When I got (the role in Cosmopolis), every single article that came out was, 'R-Patz's struggle for credibility,'" Pattinson tells the Guardian.

"I don't understand who invented that thing, 'R-Patz'. I want to strangle them."

Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lilo is definitely not lying low these days

Lindsay Lohan's penchant for lying could land her in jail again.

After her accident last week — during which she totaled a rented Porsche — Lohan initially told police that she had been a passenger and her assistant had been driving, despite her assistant telling them the opposite, according to TMZ. The police are said to be writing up a report that includes Lohan's fabrication, which is in itself a crime and could trigger a probation violation for the actress in her shoplifting case.

Zac Efron

Lily Collins

Zac and Lily's romance 'fizzled' and died

After three months of dating, Zac Efron and Mirror Mirror star Lily Collins have called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They're no longer together. They were never serious, though; it was just a casual thing and it fizzled," a source says. "They were never in the same place at the same time."

Perhaps a sign that the relationship didn't have legs was the fact that during those times apart, Efron didn't make much mention of Collins.

"Zac was never very serious about her. He didn't talk about her to friends," another source says.

It's o-vah

"Zac was never very serious about her. He didn't talk about her to friends."
Source

The Word

Adrian Grenier. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

THE WORD
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Adrian Grenier is in the doghouse

Less than 24 hours before he was scheduled to host Monday night's Bideawee Gala in New York City, former Entourage star Adrian Grenier cancelled on the animal welfare charity. (While he declined to give an explanation to donors who paid up to $1,000 per ticket, suffice it to say we sincerely doubt it was a work commitment.)

Fortunately, Howard Stern's wife, Beth, stepped in — and naturally, Stern had something to say about it during his Tuesday morning broadcast.

"A lot of celebrities agree to do something for a charity, and at the last minute they cancel, leaving the charity stranded," he said. "I do lose respect for people when they do this. They always have a great excuse. I don't know. Send out a tweet and say 'I'm so sorry.'"

Oh Adrian, we're dying to know: How does it feel to be out-classed by Howard Stern?

In other celeb news:

Oprah and 50 Cent have publicly feuded about, well, everything in the past. (We don't have the space here — just ask your grandmother what she doesn't like about 50 Cent.)

So when the two sat down for a chat Sunday night on Oprah's Next Chapter, there was plenty to catch up on. Oprah, for one, was curious as to why the rapper named his female dog after her.

"At the time, I was just looking at the situation, and I saw I was developing negative feelings for someone who doesn't even know me, and I gave it to the dog," explained 50, who admits to pampering his beloved miniature schnauzer,

You know, there's something very zen about this. Next week, we'll be introducing the Metro therapy goldfish, Kim and Kanye.

Oprah Winfrey

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler

Stacy finally gets to hang at George's Lake Como pad

George Clooney kicked off his summer vacation early by taking girlfriend Stacy Keibler to his luxurious estate on Lake Como, Italy, according to Hollyscoop.

Surprisingly, it's the first time his girlfriend of 10 months has been to the infamous vacation home.

On the other hand, Clooney has taken Keibler on trips to Mexico five times since they've been together. The couple returned from a trip to Cabo San Lucas just last week.

Twitter

@CarrieFFisher
The only exercise I get is running around. I'm so lost, I think everything I think is profound. Our lows are so low that our upsides are down.

@Rosie
I was 20 months old when JFK was killed — I remember watching the funeral on tv — is that even possible?

@alecbaldwin
I need to have work done. Implants, tucks, sucks, resections. Lotta work.

@ConanOBrien
How many baby carrots offset five adult cupcakes?

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

On a trip? Read a book

If you want to get in the mood for your next Canadian trip, you can try reading a book about the destination. A new resource makes that a whole lot easier. The 49th Shelf, a project of the Association of Canadian Publishers, has developed an interactive online map showing books connected with particular places. The Read Local map — at 49thshelf.com/map — includes books linked to towns, cities and rural areas in every province and territory, and in genres from poetry and fiction to autobiographies and cookbooks. The 49th Shelf calls it a "100-mile reading diet for the mind." Plenty of discoveries are waiting to be made for travellers who like to read.

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On the web

Atlanta's historic Auburn Ave. again at crossroads

5 top golf spots in Mexico

While golf courses may not be quite as plentiful as poolside cabanas on the resort strewn coasts of Mexico, the gateway to Latin America boasts over 150 seductive spreads to pick from. Such a buffet of exceptional offerings makes it difficult for gringo golfers to settle on one. We've narrowed the field down to cinco options, where early morning tee times are as coveted as a 100 per cent blue agave tequila nightcap.

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1 El Camaleón, Playa Del Carmen

The home course of Mexico's lone PGA Tour Event may not change colours as its reptilian namesake implies, but this breathtaking 18-hole thrill ride is quite the changeling. Play a round here and traverse through tropical jungles, mangrove forests and oceanfront stretches that sidle up against the Caribbean Sea. You can see Cozumel in the distance on the 7th and 15th. Not satisfied with your final scorecard tally? Polish off the rust at the onsite Jim McClean Golf School. Course Designer: Greg Norman Green Fee: $180 Vistors/ $125 Fairmont Mayakoba Guests.

2 Palmilla, Los Cabos

Opened in 1992, the Golden Bear's first Latin American Signature course is a 27-hole challenge comprising of tres nines, each offering various terrain: the Arroyo, Mountain, and Ocean which provides spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez and there is a 600-foot elevation change that unfolds from No. 1 to 6. Five sets of tee boxes will satisfy everyone; from sharpshooters who want to play from the tips to max out the 7,000+ yardage and high handicappers just looking for a round of hits and giggles on their vacation. Green Fees: $190 Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus

3 Vista Vallarta, Puerto Vallarta

A tale of two very different topographies unfolds depending on which way you turn at the clubhouse on this sprawling 500-acre golf complex. The lower lying Weiskopf fairways are lined with thicker foliage and deep ravines. Stop a moment to inhale the sweet fragrance of the ruby-red bougainvilleas. Routed on higher ground the Nicklaus track offers enchanting views of Puerto Vallarta, the marina and Banderas Bay. A highlight is No. 3, a 550-yard par 5 which requires a string of formidable strokes to reach an elevated green (unseen from the fairway) in regulation. Green Fee: $199 at both. Course Designers: Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf

4 Loreto Baja, Baja California Sur

Cast in the shadows of the looming Sierra de Giganta with holes that trace the Sea of Cortez, Loreto is a scenic dreamscape offering plenty of pinch-me golf moments during a round. Exercise caution on No. 2, a par 5 dogleg right with water all along the right and a peninsula green that slopes steeply toward the drink on three sides. A very precise approach shot is required to touch down safely on the dance floor and keep your ball dry. Green Fee: $70. An additional $30 to rent a cart. Course Designer: Mario Schejtnan and Peter Güereca. Reconditioned by David Duval in 2008.

5 Punta Mita, Riviera Nayarit

Golfers visiting the plush Four Seasons or St. Regis resorts which have access to this golf club are in for a slice of tropical paradise with two impeccably conditioned seaside layouts to play. The stoic Sierra Madre mountains in the background and stunning ocean views will have most golfers reaching for their cameras as often as their rangefinders. The elder Pacifico course boasts a unique treat in No. 3B, "Tail of the Whale," an optional par 3. The World's first natural island green (pictured) is only reachable during low tide. Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus Green Fees: $210

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No-stress Puerto Rico

Budget friendly. Come here, and you'll be kicking back just minutes after landing at the airport. Here's where to start

ALISON BOWEN
Metro World News

Puerto Rico is exotic, but also has a familiar North American flavour. With resorts just a 10-minute drive from the airport, you could be stowing your carry-on in the morning and holding a cerveza or margarita in the sand by the early afternoon. The beautiful island, with colonial charm in the preserved cobblestones of Old San Juan, promises a convenient and zero-stress vacation.

The small island is also easily explored by car, meaning you can traverse the island in a day. Minutes away from landing at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, 16th-century citadels and beautiful, palm-tree bordered beaches welcome you.

Whether you stay close to San Juan or want to explore the rest of the island, here are a few spots to visit.

Old San Juan in Puerto Rico. THINKSTOCK.COM

1 For exploring the island: Guanica

To get away from the hustle and bustle of San Juan — a city of nearly 400,000 — consider Guanica, a quaint town of 20,000 on the other side of the island. The two-hour drive itself is even relaxing, with mountains rising on both sides as you weave through the hills and rainforest. Once you're in Guanica, don't worry about rain ruining your beach days — it's in the Guanica Dry Forest Reserve. Instead, at Copamarina Beach Resort and Spa's 20 acres of beautiful landscaped grounds, relax and listen to the waves, stop in for an aromatherapy massage or paddle board or kayak to nearby Gilligan's Island.

2 Head here first: where to stay

The Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort has everything one needs on vacation — salsa dancing at the Picante Lobby Lounge and the Casino Del Sol for parents, and ice cream and hammocks for the kids. Just a 10-minute drive from the airport, it's an incredibly easy commute to relax. Chill poolside or have dinner outside on the hotel's patio, thanks to In-house chef Ricky Rivera.

3 Sample the night life: La Concha

If you want your vacation to stretch past afternoons on the beach, one step into La Concha Resort will reveal the hotel as a place to be seen. This hip hotel in the heart of San Juan's Condado neighbourhood, decorated with retro furniture from lobby to room, hosts bar stools filled with well-dressed Puerto Ricans and tourists at night. The hotel's variety of restaurants include Perla, uniquely designed to seem anchored in water, and Solera, an open-air restaurant serving tapas steps away from beach chairs. During the day, lounge in front of the crashing waves. If it's raining, curl up in your room — this hotel defines "ocean-view room."

4 For a colonial: Old San Juan

Along the cobblestone streets of Old San Juan, get a delicious coffee and breakfast to start at Caficultura, a cafe nestled near a town plaza. Sit outside with your cafe con leche and take in the balcony-dotted streets. Then, meander your way through the city to one or more of the historical spots — an absolute must. The Castillo San Felipe del Morro, or El Morro, a fortress and fascinating window into naval battles for power over the Caribbean waterways, offers breathtaking ocean views. Scope out the old cannons and duck through passageways where soldiers walked.

5 Getting there: An easy trip

Puerto Rico's main airport is Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, offering many flights from the East Coast. Other options include Mercedita International Airport in Ponce — closer to Guanica if you're considering Copamarina. In San Juan, the bus is 75 cents, and cabs are reasonable. Most hotels can also set you up with a rental car.

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1 For chilling out: Kerala, India

India's South-Western state of Kerala is known for its backwaters, a network of canals and rivers that carve through lush green coastal countryside. You can't help but unwind as you float past lily pads in a kettuvallam, a traditional Keralan houseboat with a thatched roof.

Trip of a lifetime: Take a four-night backwater trip in a private houseboat through Alleppey, nicknamed 'Venice of the East' for its criss-crossing canals, and stop off in the pretty village of Kumarakom. See enchanting-india.com for a schedule.

2 For absorbing the South: Mississippi River

When Priscilla Presley smashed a bottle of bubbly on the hull of the American Queen in April it became the first steamboat to sail overnight on the Mississippi River since hurricane Katrina devastated the American South in 2005. Now visitors can cruise the river again, stopping off at iconic historic sites as it cuts through Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Visit Elvis Presley's home Graceland, listen to live jazz in New Orleans, or just soak up the laidback, Southern vibe.

Trip of a lifetime: The 222-room American Queen has nostalgic, Victorian-style interiors, old-fashioned Southern afternoon teas, receptions with the Captain and rat-pack bands, all designed to take passengers back in time to a more genteel era. Three to 10-night trips run through America's heartland from Memphis to New Orleans.

3 For spotting the Big Five: The Zambezi, through African countries

The spectacular 2700km-long Zambezi River snakes through no less than six Central-African countries before flowing into the Indian Ocean in Mozambique. Several wild rapids, the huge Kariba Dam and the ferocious Victoria Falls are among the barriers to a river-long trip, so it's best to take on one small section. Go whitewater rafting, get close to hippos on a canoe safari or hook a Tiger fish.

Trip of a lifetime: The Zambezi Queen offers 45 metres of minimalist luxury, with 14 suites, each with their own private balcony. The boat cruises the Chobe River section of the Zambezi, which runs between Botswana's Chobe National Park and Namibia's Caprivi Strip, home to one of the densest populations of wildlife in Africa, and more than 120,000 elephants.

4 For ancient treasures: The Nile, Egypt

This summer, Egypt's iconic river will finally re-open for the full Nile Cruise for the first time in 15 years. For ticking ancient wonders off your travelers' to-do list, you can't beat the Nile. At one end are the iconic pyramids and sphinx in Cairo, and the other are the monumental statues at Abu Simbel built in 1244 B.C. In between lie the spectacular burial sites in the Valley of the Kings and Queens as well as the temples of Esna, Edfu, Karnak and Kom Ombo.

Trip of a lifetime: From August, fans of the finer things in life will be able to make this epic journey on the Sanctuary Sun Boat III. Despite housing just 16 cabins, this palatial 1930s colonial-style retreat also has a glamorous indoor restaurant and bar, a rooftop deck complete with cocktail bar, cabanas for guests to lounge on and a pool to cool off in after a hard day scrutinizing hieroglyphs with one of the world-class Egyptologists that are on hand to guide those on board through the temples. See sanctuaryretreats.com.

5 For jungle adventure: The Amazon, Peru, Brazil

The world's largest river weaves through dense rainforest and the home of indigenous settlers and exotic wildlife as its makes its way across the Latin American continent. Beneath two-metre-wide water lilies swim huge river turtles, pink river dolphins, anacondas, piranhas and the endangered manatee. Pack a hammock and sleep like a local on the upper deck of a passenger ferry traveling from the Amazon's capital, Manaus, or book a private tour in Ecuador, Peru, Columbia or Brazil for a more leisurely cruise.

Trip of a lifetime: Newly-launched boat M/V Aria offers a very sophisticated way of nosing around the most beautiful and remote parts of the Peruvian Amazon. This five-star boutique hotel on the water was designed by one of Peru's coolest architects, Jordi Puig. The 16 air-conditioned suites each have floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows. There's an on-deck jacuzzi, bar and a glamorous restaurant: go to aquaexpeditions.com.

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Destination dining — at the airport

Trend. Airports are finally catching on to the fact that air travellers no longer want to eat trash before they catch their plane. The trend for improving the quality of airport food means passengers can trade Sbarro pizza for Michelin-quality banquet dining

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Metro World News

Ugh, airport food

Travellers flying out of Stuttgart, Germany, might be able to enjoy Michelin-starred dining at Top Air restaurant before they hop on the plane but for the rest of us, eating at the airport is often a fairly disappointing choice between McDonalds, Sbarro pizza and an overpriced and aging cheese-and-ham ciabatta.

Fortunately airports are now waking up to the fact that vacationers and business travellers want to eat well before they board their flight.

"Over the past decade or so, standards at airports have been constantly rising, and customers' expectations of what they can find at the terminal have also risen," says Mark Kassapian, spokesman for airport food and drink specialists, SSP.

High-end food court

Last New Year's Eve Minneapolis-St. Paul International opened its food hall and Delta recently put a high-end food court in New York City's LaGuardia that includes Bisoux, a French bistro, top-quality Custom Burgers by Pat LaFrieda and a full steakhouse called Prime Tavern. This summer, Los Angeles' LAX is set to open a gourmet food hall that includes vegetarian cuisine and an on-trend food truck. Meanwhile, Michelin-starred chefs run Altitude at Geneva Airport, Hung's Delicacies at Hong Kong Airport, Aire Tapas at Alicante Airport and Lamoraga at Malaga Airport in Spain and Plane Food at London's Heathrow T5 is run by global gastronomic phenomenon Gordon Ramsay.

"A good airport restaurant is one that provides excellent service and ensures the guest will be well served and on time for his or her flight," says Lenny Russo, chef at celebrated Minneapolis restaurant Heartlands, who created a rustic menu featuring locally sourced ingredients for the new Mill City Tavern at the Minneapolis Airport.

"But it is also a restaurant that could stand alone outside of an airport and offer a competitive, quality dining experience on par with any free-standing restaurant."

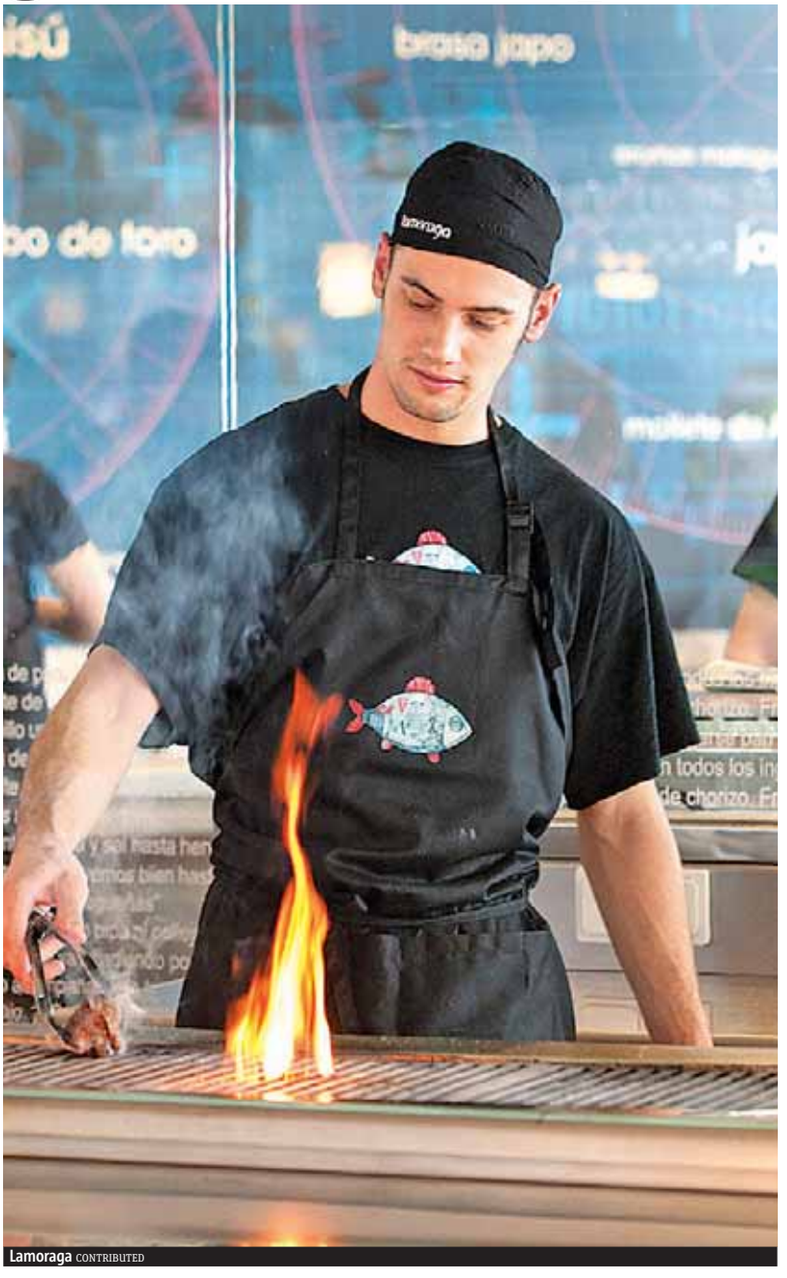
Top chefs

Not only are airports trading fast food for fast fine dining, they are also looking to trade international multinational chains for spin-offs of local restaurants. Some of New York City's top chefs were invited to open gastronomic outlets at JFK's JetBlue Terminal 5 revamp: Deep Blue offers fancy sushi from Buddakan's chef Michael Schulson, former Balthazar and Pastis chefs run Brasserie La Vie, and Piquillo, the U.S.'s first airport tapas bar, run by the team behind Manhattan tapas joint, Tia Pol.

"Bringing the local flavours and culture to the airport creates a sense of place," explains Rick Blatstein, Chief Executive Officer of OTG, the food and drink specialist that conceives the food offering at several U.S. airports. "The airport is the first step into a city, providing a wonderful opportunity for travelers to enjoy what makes that city so special."

Plane Food, Heathrow Terminal 5, UK

The global gastronomic phenomenon and notorious swearing-hound Gordon Ramsay is behind the sophisticated but speedy dining experience at Plane Food. Don't have 25 minutes spare to try a two-course meal, or 35 minutes for three? Then pick up a healthy three-course Plane Picnic, which will certainly beat all of your in-flight options hands-down. gordonramsay.com



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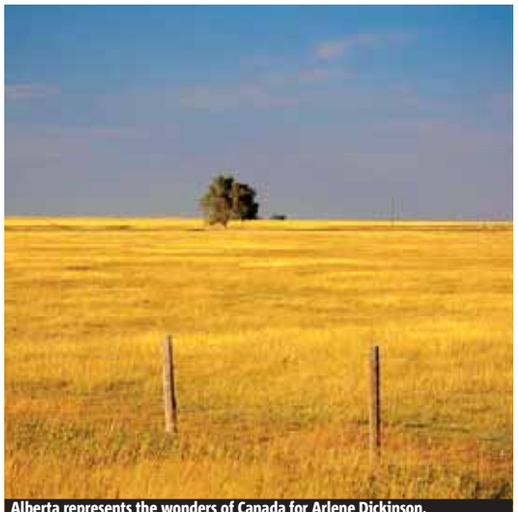

Alberta represents the wonders of Canada for Arlene Dickinson. FLICKR

My favourite place in Canada. Dragon's Den venture capitalist loves the memories she made in Alberta

My favourite place in Canada is so hard to pinpoint because I am passionately in love with our entire Country; but, as I have to pick one, it has to be Alberta. I came with my family as a very young girl to this Prairie province from South Africa.

And, while we may have had no money in our pockets, we had great hope for our future life here in Canada.

Alberta represents many firsts and deep-rooted meaningful memories to me. I have had four children in Alberta, raised them all there and been there for the birth of all of my grandchildren.

I started my business there, and thankfully got my first business loan there. I was married there (and, yes, divorced there), trained for my first half marathon and built my very first home there. Alberta will always represent the wonders of Canada to me and all the freedom and beauty this country stands for.

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Move on over cedar plank, pineapple bark is coming for that top grilling spot

Using pineapple bark in the same way you would use a cedar plank to grill, infuses the meat with a delicate sweetness, and keeps it moist and juicy. The enzymes in the pineapple also help to tenderize the meat.

1. Carefully cut off the top and bottom of the pineapple. These can be discarded. Stand the pineapple upright. Cut the skin off the pineapple, removing it in 6 long strips. To do this, begin cutting at the top of the fruit and slice downward, letting the knife follow the curve of the fruit. Leave about 1/2 inch of flesh on each strip of skin. Rotate the fruit and repeat. Set aside.

2. Place each chicken breast between sheets of plastic wrap and use a meat mallet to pound to an even 1/2 inch thickness. Season each on both sides with salt, pepper, cumin and cayenne. Lay each piece of chicken over the cut side of one of the slices of pineapple skin. Set a second strip of pineapple skin, cut side down, on top. Use kitchen twine to tie the bundles to hold them together. Refrigerate the chicken bundles for about 30 minutes.

3. When ready to cook, heat one side of the grill to high, the other side to low.

4. Meanwhile, cut the skinned pineapple (the flesh) into thick circles. Use a small round cookie or biscuit cutter (or a paring knife) to cut out and discard the core from each round.

5. When grill is hot, arrange chicken bundles on the cooler side of the grill. Cook for 15 minutes per side, or until the chicken reaches 165 F at the centre. During the final 10 minutes, add the pineapple rings and cook for 5 minutes per side.

6. Guacamole: In bowl combine red onion, jalapeno, avocados, lime juice and cilantro. Gently mix then season with salt and pepper.

7. To serve, place one chicken bundle on each plate. Set a grilled pineapple ring next to it, spoon some guacamole into centre of and over pineapple ring. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pineapple Bark Chicken with Grilled Pineapple and Guacamole

This recipe serves three. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 large whole pineapple
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Ground cumin
- Cayenne pepper
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeds removed, diced
- 2 avocados, pitted and chopped
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

Drink of the Week

Lost in Laos

1. In a cocktail shaker, muddle together kaffir lime leaves, lime juice and agave, approximately 2 minutes. Add liquors, almond milk and ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a collins glass with ice, Garnish with kaffir lime leaves on the side.

- 3-4 kaffir lime leaves
- 3/4 oz (21 g) of fresh lime juice
- 3/4 oz (21 g) agave syrup
- ½ oz (14 g) of green chartreuse
- 2 oz (55 g) gin
- 2 oz (55 g) unsweetened almond milk

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Help! I've got the first-job jitters

Newly hired nerves.
A few tips to conquer that queasy feeling as you start out on your career path

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Remember that this job is yours! So breathe in, exhale, and enjoy the opportunity. ISTOCK

First, congratulations on getting that job! It's a big deal to start your first "real" job. Unfortunately, it sounds like excitement is being overshadowed by nerves.

What is it that you are nervous about? The more clear you are on just what it is that is causing your nerves, the better you'll be able to address it.

Some common concerns when starting a new job include feeling overwhelmed by the idea of walking into a brand new environment and not knowing what to expect, feeling shy about meeting all kinds of people (perhaps including suit-wearing and/or other 'important' people), and sometimes worrying that maybe you won't be good enough at the job.

Regardless of what it is specifically causing your worries, here are a few things you can do to make starting your first day easier.

Rest and food

Seems a bit overly simple, but sometimes the simple things are very important. Getting a good sleep the night before your first day and feeding yourself more than caffeine that morning can help your physical self keep your emotional self feeling stronger and more relaxed.

Remember they hired you for a reason

Hiring decisions are rarely taken lightly. If you've been offered this job, the organization/company must feel convinced that you are up for it (even if you yourself may be worried).

If you are nervous about whether you can do this, remind yourself that you probably would not have been hired if you didn't display the skills and qualities that are needed.

Assess your expectations for yourself

Yes, the first day is important, but too much emphasis can be placed on first impressions. Your first day is usually a day of easing you into your new role.

Usually, there will be introductions, orientations, tours and some explanation of your job. You don't have to go sprinting out of the starting gate and impress everyone in your first eight hours there. You can spend the day with a smile on your face and listening, learning, and trying to remember everyone's name (a note pad might help!).

Best wishes as you start your new job!

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Student Voice

Since when did school not count as experience?

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Yes, experience is important, but how can a recent graduate acquire experience if not given the opportunity? This is an issue which continues to be a major cause of frustration and, at times, desperation.

I am a recent graduate with a B.A in both English Literature and Spanish. For five years I read novels, scripts, plays and articles in both English and Spanish, analyzing and scrutinizing them. Many long essays and presentations later, interviews fall flat because of "lack of experience."

The sheer fact that I have a university degree is experience, since university students, particularly literature majors, do a great deal of critical thinking, problem solving, and written and verbal communication.

Where I am now

Presently, I continue to eagerly look for an entry-level position that makes use of my knowledge and skills. I will also be applying to nearby colleges to focus on editing and publishing, as I enjoy the field of communications.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career-centres

Employers need to reconsider their expectations as they could potentially lose an excellent candidate. Sure, some work related experience is beneficial, but the fact that a recent graduate does not have specific experience does not mean that they would be unable to perform efficiently.

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If you've suddenly been singled out and fired, it may be worth it to research whether your termination was not, in fact, justified. ISTOCK

Donald Trump made the phrase famous but it's a sentence you never want to hear in real life: "You're fired." Unfortunately, sometimes, just like on The Apprentice, it can happen to the people you least expect.

I spent the summer after my first year of university working at a shoe store in my hometown. When I got the job, I had booked off time in July so I could visit my relatives south of the border. After my family bonanza, I came home to messages asking me to come in to the store for a shift the previous week.

I called the store to clarify that I hadn't come in because I had been out of the country, as indicated on the staff schedule. Despite my reasoning, the new store manager, who had taken over while I was away, pulled an Arnold Schwarzenegger and "terminated" me.

In my state of shock, I hung up and accepted that I had just lost my job, but according to employment experts, that was not the way to go.

The biggest mistake that students make when they've been fired is, "not knowing their rights and not knowing if they were justifiably (and justly) fired" says Aino Lokk, an employment counsellor at Ryerson University.

When you get a job

Don't wait until you get that phone call to start learning your rights.

When you get hired, make sure you know what can get you fired. Lokk says right from the get-go, students need to be familiar with their legal, work-related rights. Don't just scan those contracts and forms, take the time to read them over, ask questions and make sure you understand the company policy and procedures such as code of conduct or confidentiality of information.

Warning signs

Getting fired is never going to be pleasant, but Lokk says if the employer has followed due diligence throughout the firing process, then it shouldn't come as a big surprise. "If the employee is in clear violation of organizational policy or procedures, or has been given the appropriate warnings regarding behaviours/activities that need to change and they have not changed, then the next likely step is that they could be fired."

Should the job still go on your resumé?

In short, yes. If you gained skills and experience that are relevant to your future job hunt, then it still deserves a spot on your resume. If interviewers ask why you left the position, be honest.

If the firing was unjust, you should "briefly describe the situation without ascribing any blame, allowing the employer to draw the appropriate conclusion," says Lokk.

If you genuinely deserved to be fired, then focus on the lesson learned from the experience. For instance, if your contract outlined that you are not allowed to speak to reporters about the company but you shared information damaging the company, he says the student could reflect on the fact that they now know to always defer media requests to the authorized person within the firm.

Ultimately, when the question comes up, try not to dwell on it, explain what happened and move on.

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Before the boot: Overcome communication breakdown

- **Evaluate your employer:** Determine what they need and what you in particular can provide. Don't assume that someone will figure out your contribution for you.
- **Set out clear deadlines for responses from on high:** When you've fulfilled the original requirements of your position, such as reaching the end of the original contract of completion of a project, know that you may have to be the one to ask for feedback from your employer.
- **Find a mentor:** Having someone to evaluate your performance and foster your interests – even if that person is not your direct superior – will help develop the kind of 'continuous learning' that will make you a valuable employee.

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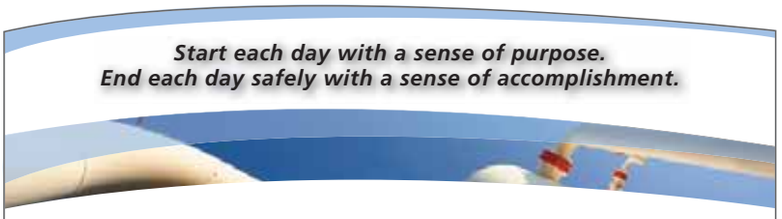

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Is it silliness or bad behaviour?

Students load bikes into a truck during an organized bike ride to Kenowa Hills High School in Walker, Mich. The 65 graduating students who participated thought they were having harmless fun but in the principal's mind they had broken the "no pranks" rule. THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS, CHRIS CLARK/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prank policies. From Post-It notes to animal activity, end-of-school shananigans don't always sit well with staff

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to stash a dead fish somewhere to stink up the school hallways. Time to drop tennis balls on the heads of people in the lobby. Time to cover your soon-to-be alma mater with Post-It notes.

For high school seniors, it's prank time — or "structured mayhem" in the words of Mindy Utay, a therapist who works with teens.

It's a rite of passage as graduation looms, mostly harmless fun but sometimes escalating into vandalism.

This spring alone, windows at school have been smashed, walls and sidewalks spray painted, and paint poured down steps. Cars have been flipped. Property has been damaged from California to Kentucky to Maryland.

As a result, school administrators are rethinking exactly what constitutes a prank and where to draw the line — and finding that's not always easy to do.

This year, the rule at Kenowa Hills High School in Walker, Mich., was clear: No senior pranks allowed.

But organizing themselves on Facebook, a group of graduating seniors there decided to ride bicycles, en masse, on the last day of school. They arranged for a police escort along the three-mile route. The mayor even brought them doughnuts before they headed out to what was supposed to be a funny surprise for everyone else at school.

The principal was not amused.

She thought the students had put themselves in danger by riding along a busy thoroughfare. Traffic was disrupted. Drivers caught up in it, including some teachers, were late for work. In the principal's mind, the seniors had broken the "no pranks" rule, and she came down hard.

"But we didn't really see it as a prank. We saw it more as a senior send-off," says Sarah Pechumer, one of the 65 graduating students who participated. "It was harmless. It was arranged. It was legal."

And in the rowdy history of senior pranks, it was relatively benign.

"As long as it doesn't get out of control, I think it is healthy," says Utay, a therapist and clinical social worker in private practice in Manhattan.

"It's something they look forward to after all the pressure — a chance to take back some of the control. It's rebellion against that pressure, empowerment. It marks the end of the high school experience."

Utay says, at her own children's school, pranks are considered a tradition — even a show of school spirit.

Generally, it's been silly things, she says — dropping the tennis balls or hiding the dead fish. Or, say, putting four pygmy goats on an overhang above a school entrance, as authorities at Simsbury High School in Connecticut discovered last Wednesday.

"Like a lot of the practical joking and horseplay that goes on between adolescents and young adults, pranks are by and large fairly harmless, if nothing gets bruised except dignity," says Sherry Hamby, a psychology professor at Sewanee, The University of the South, in Tennessee.

Pranks often continue into college life, as they have for Brigham Young University junior Nate Stebbing and some of his buddies.

This spring, Stebbing and his crew turned neighbours' apartment living room into a giant Easter basket, complete with real sod and live bunnies and chicks.

The video they made has gotten hundreds of thousands of hits on YouTube.

The key to a successful prank, Stebbing says, is to never be mean-spirited or destructive. (The sod is now adorning someone's lawn and the animals found a good home.)

"We made sure that the people we were pranking were not people who'd take it the wrong way," he says. "Now we're super-tight friends with them — and it's an awesome memory."

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Soccer

Canada plays Honduras to a draw

Canada had hoped to take two victories and some breathing room into a two-month break between World Cup qualifying games.

Instead, the Canadians played Honduras to a 0-0 draw on Tuesday, settling for four points from their first two matches in the third round of CONCACAF qualifying as they go for the country's first World Cup berth since 1986.

The result was frustrating for Canada, coming off a 1-0 victory over Cuba on Friday in Havana.

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Canadian Ante Jazic reacts at the final whistle on Tuesday in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Jury goes into deliberation at Clemens trial

Roger Clemens' fate is in the hands of a jury that will decide if the former pitcher lied about performance-enhancing substances.

The panel of eight women and four men began deliberations on Tuesday after a day of closing arguments in the ninth week of the trial.

Clemens is charged with lying when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids and human growth hormone.

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Russell Westbrook goes up for a shot over Chris Bosh Monday in Oklahoma City. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Durant saves best for last quarter vs. Heat

NBA. Thunder stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook outscore Miami by themselves in second half

Game 1

105	94
Thunder	Heat

Kevin Durant showed LeBron James how to play the fourth quarter in the NBA Finals.

Durant scored 17 of his 36 points in another nightmarish final period for James and his team, leading a Thunder storm that overwhelmed the Heat and gave Oklahoma City a 105-94 victory over Miami in Game 1 on Tuesday night.

Teaming with Russell Westbrook to outscore the Heat in the second half by themselves, Durant struck first in his head-to-head matchup with James, who had seven points in the final quarter and was helpless to stop the league's three-time scoring champion.

Westbrook turned around a poor shooting start to finish with 27 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the Thunder, keying a strong finish to the third period that gave the Thunder the lead for good.

Durant took over from there.

Scoring in nearly every way possible, he finished 12 of 20 from the field and added eight rebounds. He and Westbrook outscored the Heat 41-40 over the final two periods, showing that maybe this time it will be offence that wins championships.

When fans chanted "MVP! MVP!" late in the game, they weren't talking about James, the guy who won the regular-season award.

They meant Durant, who is in a race with James for his first ring — and maybe the title of best player in the game.

Game 2 is on Thursday night in Oklahoma City.

Turning to a small lineup late in the third quarter, the Thunder improved to 9-0 at home in the post-season.

Defensive ace Thabo Sefolosha helped defend James during the Thunder's comeback, relieving Durant of the burden so he could focus on his scoring.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said his team, pushed to seven games against Boston in a gruelling conference finals the Heat finally won on Saturday, preferred this quick turnaround. But perhaps they ran out of gas against the young Thunder, whose core players are all 23 and younger and looked as if they could keep playing all night.

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James' night

James finished with 30 points, his most in any of his 11 finals games, but had only one basket over the first 8:15 of the fourth. He averaged just three points in the fourth quarters of the Heat's six-game loss to Dallas last year.

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Quoted

"It's a great situation for me and a great spot, where I can really learn from the best and just get better myself and really look to improve my consistency for the time when I am needed as well."

B.C. Lions backup kicker Hugh O'Neill will get some rare game action on Wednesday as the defending Grey Cup champions start the 2012 CFL pre-season at BC Place. Veteran Paul McCallum will play the first quarter and O'Neill will take over during the last three. It's the first time O'Neill will kick in a game since the 2011 exhibition campaign.

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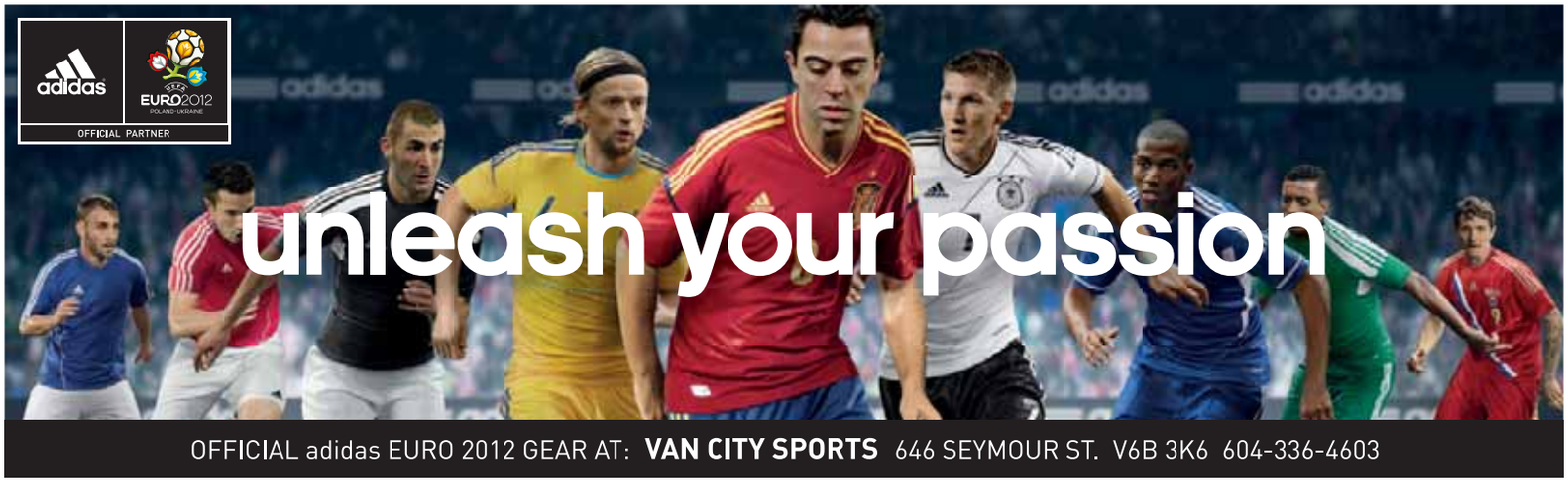
On the web

Floyd Mayweather's lawyers say the boxer's career is at risk and they have filed a motion with a Las Vegas judge, asking her to ease jail conditions for the undefeated champion who is serving time for domestic battery and harassment. Scan the code for the story.



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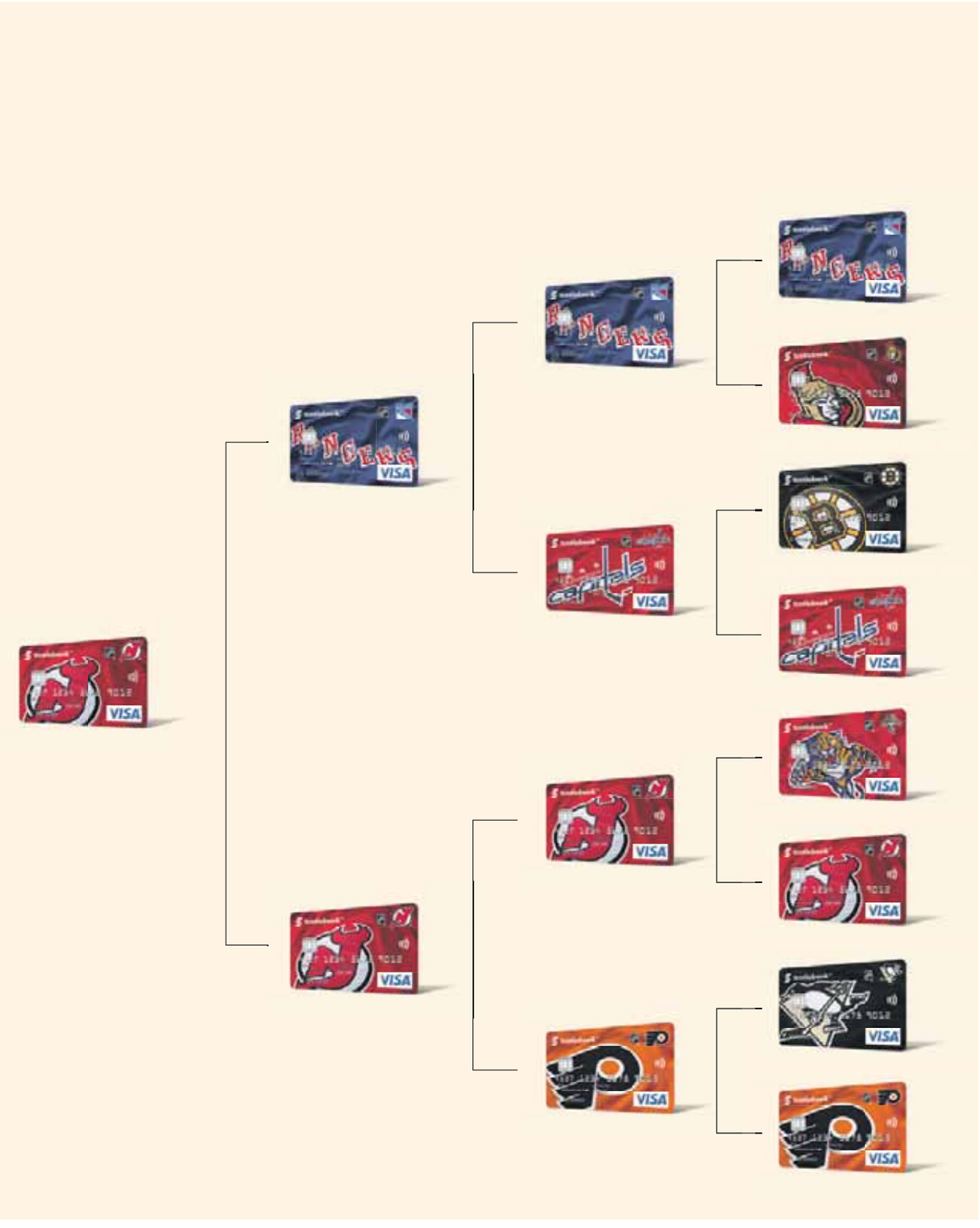

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Poland fights back to keep hopes of advancing alive

Euro 2012. Polish defence largely muzzled Russian attack

Alan Dzagoev scored his third goal of the European Championship, and Jakub Blaszczykowski scored what will surely be one of the goals of the tournament.

Russia and Poland played out a 1-1 draw Tuesday. The result left Russia at the top of Group A, but all four teams still have a chance to qualify for the quarter-finals.

"We're still in the tournament, so with this point a win in our final match puts us into the knockout stage," Blaszczykowski said.

Dzagoev was first to score Tuesday. He darted past defender Lukasz Piszczek in the 37th minute and sent a glancing header beyond goalkeeper Przemyslaw Tyton after a curling free kick from Andrei Arshavin.

Quoted

"He is the heart of the team and the captain as well."

Poland defender Damien Perquis on Jakub Blaszczykowski

Tuesday's game

Russia	Poland
1	1

Russia continued to push forward after the goal, allowing Poland to equalize on the counter in the 57th when Blaszczykowski cut in from the right and sent a searing left-foot drive into the far corner of the goal.

"I think we deserve praise because all of us put a lot into this match," Blaszczykowski said. "The tactics we set up before the match we carried out 100 per cent."

Russia's rampant attack in the opening 4-1 win over the Czechs was largely muzzled by a well-organized Polish defence. At the other end, Robert Lewandowski was a constant threat.

"When we went 1-0 up, I thought we'd get more space like we did against the Czech Republic, but that didn't happen," Russia coach Dick Advocaat said. "We lost the ball too fast when we were going forward and they could counter. We left the field too open."

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Jakub Blaszczykowski celebrates scoring the equalizing goal for Poland against Russia at Euro 2012 in Warsaw. SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

Violence

Fans clash outside game

Soccer hooligans clashed with opposing fans and police before and during Poland's game against bitter rival Russia on Tuesday, leaving 15 injured while more than 140 people were detained.

Following scattered fighting in the Polish capital before the match, police fired rubber bullets at a group of fans who attacked them with bottles and stones near an outdoor fan zone in central Warsaw where about 75,000 people were watching the game on huge screens.

None of the injured, which included a police officer, were in life-threatening condition.

About 5,000 Russian fans marched to the match at the National Stadium to celebrate the Russia Day national holiday.

It was seen as provocative to many Poles. The two countries share a difficult history, including decades of control by Moscow over Poland during the Cold War. Many Poles felt authorities shouldn't have allowed the Russians to march as a group in Warsaw given the historical wounds.

One of the most violent incidents occurred during the march. Polish hooligans attacked Russians, The two sides, made up of dozens of men, kicked and beat each other in the face, while flares could be seen exploding in their midst.

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Czech Republic scores twice inside of six minutes

Kostas Katsouranis of Greece lies in the goal after Vaclav Pilar of the Czech Republic scored at Euro 2012 in Wroclaw, Poland. CHRISTOF KOEPSEL/GETTY IMAGES

Before the match, the Czech fans booed their coach. Six minutes after the start, they could barely contain their joy.

After an embarrassing 4-1 opening loss to Russia at the European Championship, the Czechs attacked right from kickoff and scored two quick goals en route to a 2-1 victory over Greece on Tuesday.

"Everything worked for us tonight," Czech Republic coach Michal Bilek said. "I am happy with every player."

Petr Jiracek scored the first goal, beating Greece goalkeeper Costas Chalkias in the third minute after a pass from Tomas Hubschmann sliced through the Greek defence. Vaclav Pilar added the second three minutes later with his second goal of the tournament. He was first to a ball sent across the goal by teammate Theodor Gebre Selassie.

"This was a big goal for me, and it's great for the team," Pilar said.

Substitute Fanis Gekas pulled one back for Greece in 53rd minute with a tap in after Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech spilled the ball and bumped into defender Tomas Sivok.

But the Greeks rallied too late, and their chances of advancing were hurt following their 1-1 draw with Poland in the opening Group A match.

The Czechs, however, put their bid to reach for the quarter-finals back on track.

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Rosicky injured

The Czech Republic's much-needed victory over Greece came at a cost: Captain Tomas Rosicky injured his Achilles tendon and is doubtful for its final Group A game.

Denmark vs. Portugal

Portuguese boss trusts forward

Portugal coach Paulo Bento is keeping faith with striker Helder Postiga, even though it could cost him his job.

Portugal has scored only once in its four matches this year, and Postiga didn't even manage a shot on goal in the team's 1-0 loss to Germany at the European Championship.

The Portuguese desperately need to get on the scoresheet in their second Group B match against Denmark on Wednesday or they risk going home sooner than they expected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Helder Postiga. UEFA VIA GETTY IMAGES

Netherlands vs. Germany

Netherlands in tough spot early

With its back to the wall, Netherlands, a pre-tournament favourite, must avoid defeat to Germany on Wednesday in Kharkiv, Ukraine, to have a chance of advancing from Group B. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy

Cassano sorry for making gay remark

Italy forward Antonio Cassano said Tuesday that he hopes there are no homosexual players on the national team at Euro 2012, then used a derogatory word to describe gays.

After being told by a reporter there might be undeclared gay players on the team, Cassano said: "That's their problem, but I hope not.... But I don't know."

He added that he hoped his answer sufficed. "Because if not, you know I'll be attacked from every direction."

Several hours after his initial remarks, Italy released an apology statement from Cassano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scion's franchise player

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Nice rims

As is the Scion way, the FR-S is shipped from its Japanese homeland with the expected load of standard gear plus aluminum sport pedals, a 300-watt Pioneer-brand sound system and Michelin Primacy rubber fitted to a neat set of 17-inch alloy wheels.

Premium fuel

This Scion is slim and trim — which saves fuel — with a rating of 8.3 l/100 km city and 5.8 highway for the automatic (9.6/6.6 for manual-gearbox versions).

But those numbers are offset by the engine's requirement for more expensive premium fuel.

2013 Scion FR-S

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive 2+2 sport coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC H4 (200).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.6/6.6 (MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $27,500.

Hitting 100 km/h from rest takes a bit more than six seconds.

Engine

As with Subaru's BRZ, the FR-S employs a 200-horsepower (and 151 pound-feet of torque) 2.0-litre "flat" four-cylinder engine (one bank of two pistons fires at 180 degrees to the opposite two pistons). The basic design is all-Subaru, while Toyota contributes a unique intake system.

Review. A marriage produces a car that neither Toyota nor Subaru would likely have had on their own

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Look, everyone ... twins.

For Subaru, the BRZ becomes the exception to its all-wheel-drive, all-the-time rule. For Toyota's Scion division, the identical FR-S is the flagship model that the brand has needed from the start.

It's unusual for two competing automakers (although Toyota does own a small piece of Subaru) to launch closely similar products, but not entirely unheard of. But in the case of specialty vehicles — 2+2 sport coupes, for example — that sell in limited quantities, it's a bit surprising, but ultimately great for buyers who could initiate a dealership dogfight in their attempts to score the best deal.

Scion, with its more prolific dealer network, should easily move its fair share of FR-S metal. FR-S stands for front-engine, rear-wheel-drive sport. And what impressive metal it is. The coupe's long-hood, short-deck proportions are right on the money and the low hood, muscular fenders and curvy roofline give it a poised, gimmick-free appearance.

The FR-S represents the kind of breakout styling that the rest of the Toyota fleet should emulate.

The interior design also carries the Toyota stamp of approval, with big round dials flanked by even bigger round air vents. As with any sport model worth its muscle, the tachometer (also big and round) sits dead centre in the driver's line of vision, with a smaller speedometer to the left and fuel/temperature gauges to the right.

With a road-ready starting price of $27,500, the Scion-Subaru FR-S offspring is all about inexpensive fun. Remember what that was like? No?

It's about time, then, that Toyota and Subaru got together.

The FR-S interior layout speaks to sporty drivers with a central rev counter and metal foot pedals.

The "86" on the fenders will likely mean nothing to you, but it's intended to show lineage with an older generation of rear-wheel-drive Corolla.

By comparison

1 Subaru BRZ
Base price: $28,900

2 Hyundai Genesis Coupe
Base price: $28,100

3 Ford Mustang
Base price: $25,600

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

What's your ratchet?

If you work on cars, either as a hobby or to pay the bills, you'll appreciate a set of Zyklop ratchets from Wera. Their unique rotating-mass design allows you to easily spin the socket up to three times more quickly (according to the manufacturer) than a standard ratchet. Although tackling bolts is the Zyklop's primary function, it can also be used as a reversible screwdriver when fitted with one of a number of different bits. Its swivelling-ratchet design allows it to function at a variety of angles, which is especially handy in cramped areas. Wera makes Zyklop ratchet sets from 18-43 pieces with prices beginning in the US $80 range for the basic set through amazon.com. The 43-piece set costs about US $240. For more info you can also check out the manufacturer's website at www-us.wera.de.

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Acura RSX

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When introduced, the two-door Acura RSX coupe rode an all-new platform shared by the latest Honda Civic. Standard equipment included standard 15-inch wheels, front and side airbags, air conditioning and a CD player. Leather seating, cruise control, a sunroof and a 6-CD changer were present in the RSX's hardware list as well, depending on the model in question.

Compact, energetic and poised, the RSX quickly became popular with performance-minded buyers after a premium machine.

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Common Issues

Be sure there's plenty of pad left on the brakes, and that they aren't squealing — which could indicate the need for a brake job. Check tire tread depth and condition, noting any abnormal wear across the tread width that could indicate alignment issues.

Note any owner-added upgrades, avoiding models modified with anything more serious than an intake and exhaust system. Improperly installed, modified parts can adversely affect the longevity of your used RSX and its various systems.

Engine

All RSX models got a two-litre, four-cylinder engine. Standard models developed 160 horsepower, while the sportier Type S model made around 200, depending on the year in question.

What Owners Like

Owners of the RSX tended to rate its styling and driving dynamics the most highly, with comfort and performance falling slightly behind. Most report satisfaction with the RSX's mileage, handling, responsiveness and reliability.

What Owners Dislike

Common complaints include poor ride quality on account of the stiff, sport-tuned suspension, and limited rear-seat space.

Verdict

Ultimately, shoppers finding a good deal on a used RSX that fits their budget and priorities will likely join a community of largely satisfied owners.

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Trans-Canada Highway turns 50

One of the more recent and dramatic stretches to be added to the network known as the Trans Canada Highway 1, is the 13-km Confederation Bridge, completed in 1997, connecting P.E.I. to New Brunswick (and vice versa!). PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Autopilot

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The Trans-Canada Highway, which turns 50-years old this year, is almost too Canadian. Like someone was working with a checklist, trying to jam as many Canadian-isms into one entity as possible.

Like, is it big? It's gotta be big, right?
Well, how about, one of the world's longest national roads? This shouldn't be too surprising. One thing this country is not short on is width.

When it was completed in 1962, it encompassed 4,860 miles (7,776 km). Over the years, several more routes were added, so its even longer today (8,000 plus).

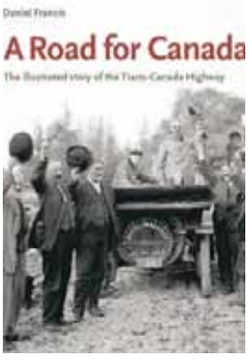
Did we have enough federal-provincial bickering?
Absolutely.

"From the very beginning, the feds and the provinces were bickering about who would pay, how much they would pay, where the route would go. This all made it a very typical Canada project," says Daniel Francis, author of the beautiful book, Road for Canada, The Illustrated Story of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Enough battling with beautiful and cruel nature?
Besides the political hurdles, there were obviously also very, real natural ones. Like really big, mountains. Several of the major mountain roads in B.C., like the Big Bend Highway that links Golden with Revelstoke, were completed as "make work" projects during the 1930s.

But the last gap to be closed was a mosquito-infested stretch around Lake Superior, which actually became known as "The Gap." A paved road through there was not competed until 1960.

When I asked Francis about his favourite scenic stretches, he mentioned several — all those B.C. mountain passes, the Saint John River Valley in New



Brunswick, the road north of Superior — before he metaphorically threw his hands up.

"Well, you could go on about the landscape in Canada forever ... the road lets you see it."

Celebrated in typical muted Canadian way?
While construction continued until 1971, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker officially opened the Trans-Canada on Sept. 3, 1962, in a screwed up ceremony on the Rogers Pass, in B.C.. The sound system didn't work. The musicians were late. Speeches went on and on and on. And while we've come to love our big highway, Francis notes it pales in myth-making capacity when compared to the first railway to cross the country.

"Unlike the railway, which was built very quickly, in a very specific period of time, the highway build spread out over many years. It was also a project that was made up of other roads, which already existed."

Also hurting its status as a topic for folk singers, is that it has evolved over the years to become more a system of getting across the country, than one magical, all-encompassing East-West route.

But there is lots of magic in that road (or system). Every Canadian dreams of hitting the highway and seeing the country at some point in their lives, and every Canadian can immediately picture Terry Fox and Rick Hansen on that highway, and when one does that, it's not hard to feel pride in being a Canadian.

Notes Francis: "It does seem that when we have an important statement to make, or some drama to enact, the highway tends to be the place where we do it."

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Crossword

Across

1 "And so to bed" diarist
6 Procession
12 Approach the curb
13 Eye-related
14 Take for granted
15 Type of test
16 Subsequently
17 Lummox
19 Rushmore face
20 Diamond in the sky?
22 Trinity member
24 Helgenberger series
27 Weaponry
29 Bound bundle
32 Gertrude Stein quote
35 Metal refuse
36 Bean town?
37 Turf
38 Moo — gai pan
40 Steals
42 Omega preceder
44 Affix an X
46 Verve
50 Virgil masterwork
52 Have high hopes
54 Runt
55 Irreparable
56 Venomous vipers
57 Gaiters

Down

1 Shove
2 Differently
3 Banjo sound
4 "Tasty!"
5 Suggesting a rainbow
6 Lauren brand
7 Low-pH chemicals
8 Same old same-old
9 Annual publications
10 Fingerpaint
11 Gaelic
12 Vanna's cohort
18 Unquestioning follower
21 Writer Fleming
23 Kimono closer
24 Group of former USSR members
25 Bando of baseball
26 Thought
28 College discussions
30 — -tzu
31 Conclusion
33 In olden times
34 Eminem's genre
39 Wickerwork willow
41 Old photo tint
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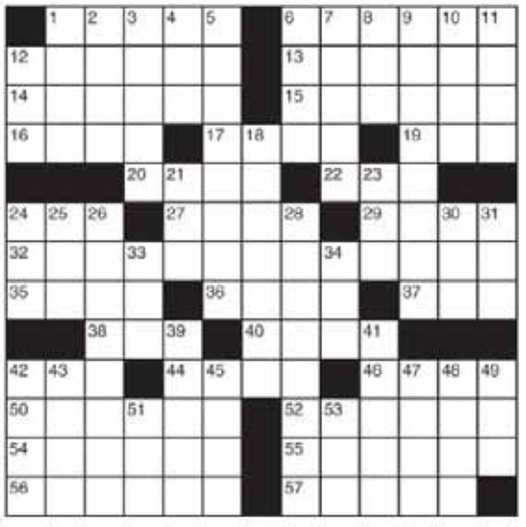
48 Bellicose deity
49 Simpsons' neighbor
51 Ram's ma'am
53 Dine



Sudoku

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4								1
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3		2		9		8		4
9				2				5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	5	1	2	7	9	8	6	3
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6	1	3	4	9	7	5	8	2
5	4	8	6	2	3	9	7	1
9	7	2	8	1	5	3	4	6
1	8	5	7	3	6	4	2	9
2	3	6	9	4	8	1	5	7
7	9	4	1	5	2	6	3	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

F D H R Q B F C L Q K V Q T B

B Q A H U B C I H L C C I M C L V D Q F

D Q U G H Z C I H D J B M Q A C L J F H

U H B B H L F, R L H Q Z D I H K G Q.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A BRAINSTORMING SESSION HELD IN A COOKING AREA MIGHT BE CALLED THE KITCHEN THINK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Today's Sun-Saturn link promises that if you make a serious effort you will enjoy serious results — the kind that could make you a star.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets will bring several opportunities your way over the next 24 hours but there is one goal you should be focusing on to the exclusion of everything else.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. The more you are on the move today, the less time you will have to spend worrying about little things.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You sense that an important change is coming and you are worried it might be a change for the worse. You won't escape this feeling until the Sun enters your sign on the 20th.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will realize today that you were wrong to be suspicious about someone's motives. Apologize if you've been harsh. It's not too late, but be fast.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You enjoy routine but the planets warn there is a danger you could settle into a routine that is too comfortable and too predictable.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Things have been going so well for you that you are afraid there is some sort of catch. Don't worry, there isn't. Today's Sun-Saturn link will confirm how truly fortunate you are.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Money matters will go well today but they will go even better if you follow your instincts rather than what the "experts" suggest.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Forget what others say you have to do and focus on your own desires. That is not only the recipe for having fun but also the recipe for success.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Someone in a position of authority will be impressed by your willingness to stick to a task that others too easily gave up on.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't lack for confidence today, and you never lack for courage, but hopefully you will balance that with a large dose of common sense.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Financial matters are under favourable stars today and if you use your brain you will come out ahead of the game.

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